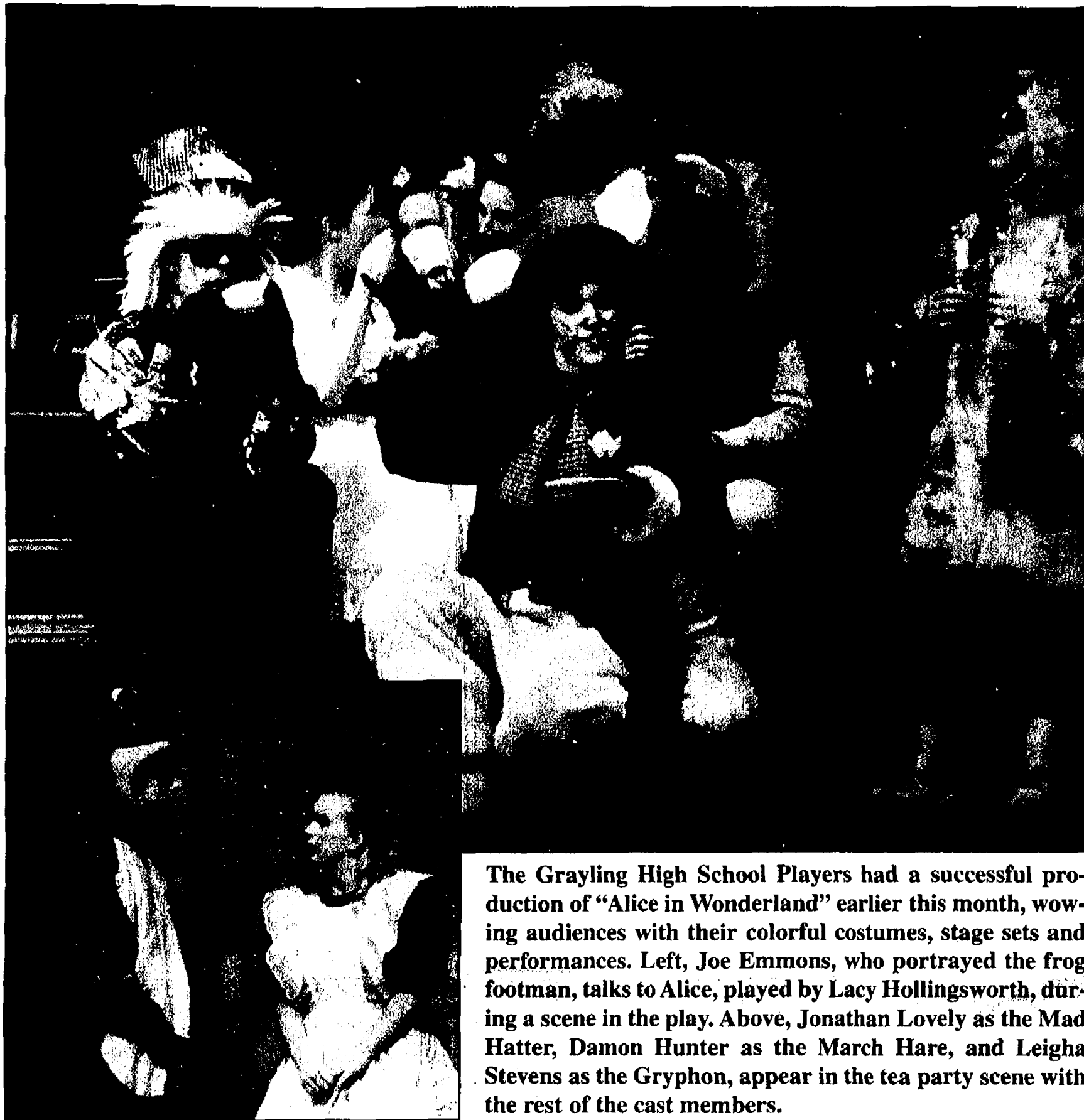


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Alice in Wonderland cast wows audiences



The Grayling High School Players had a successful production of "Alice in Wonderland" earlier this month, wowing audiences with their colorful costumes, stage sets and performances. Left, Joe Emmons, who portrayed the frog footman, talks to Alice, played by Lacy Hollingsworth, during a scene in the play. Above, Jonathan Lovely as the Mad Hatter, Damon Hunter as the March Hare, and Leigha Stevens as the Gryphon, appear in the tea party scene with the rest of the cast members.

County officials prepare for road millage

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Heading from a season of slippery roads to the time where road crews will be patching potholes, Crawford County officials decided to have a millage to fund the Crawford County Road Commission reviewed by an attorney.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners, as its regular monthly meeting last week, voted to have a millage proposal that the Crawford County Road Commission is seeking to be placed on the November general election ballot reviewed by a bond counsel.

The county road board is asking county commissioners to place a five-year, one-mill proposal that would fund the reconstruction and maintenance of county roads. The millage, if approved by voters, would generate about \$543,000 per year for road repairs and maintenance.

The same road millage request was defeated by voters, in the 2006 November election, by a vote of 2,910 to 2,734.

Road commissioners are seeking financial support from Crawford County taxpayers since state revenues, from the Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF), money collected from gasoline taxes, weight taxes and license registration fees, has been decreasing since 2003. That

has resulted in the road commission not replacing employees that have retired and cutting back on equipment purchases and overtime expenses.

Don Babcock, the managing director for the Crawford County Road Commission, said officials are planning for another 7 percent decrease in MTF funds, which will mean \$100,000 to \$110,000 less for the road commission's budget.

Babcock said the long winter and icy road conditions has resulted in increased winter maintenance expenses. Road commissioners have attempted to limit overtime expenses during nights and weekends for plowing and clearing county roads. The road commission has contracts to maintain and clear roads under the state's jurisdiction through the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

"We're not even done, and we've been holding off on overtime, trying to save every little bit as we can," Babcock said.

Babcock said three road commission employees are due to retire, but only one employee, who maintains the rest areas off of I-75, will be replaced since the county receives funds from the state for that service.

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Judge Allen honored by Girl Scouts for service

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

46th Circuit Court Judge Janet M. Allen was recently recognized by the Girl Scouts for serving as a role model for young women, for her service to the community and for her accomplishments in the legal field.

Allen was honored as one of six 2008 Women of Distinction recipients by the Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay.

The Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay cover a 21-county region in mid and northeast Lower Michigan, stretching from Gratiot County to the Mackinac Bridge.

Each year, the Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay honor a group of women in its district with Women of Distinction awards for showing excellence in public service, commitment to their communities, excellence in leadership and excellence in their businesses and professional careers.

Allen practiced as an attorney in Gaylord for several years before she was appointed to serve as a 46th Circuit Trial Court judge by Gov. Jennifer M.

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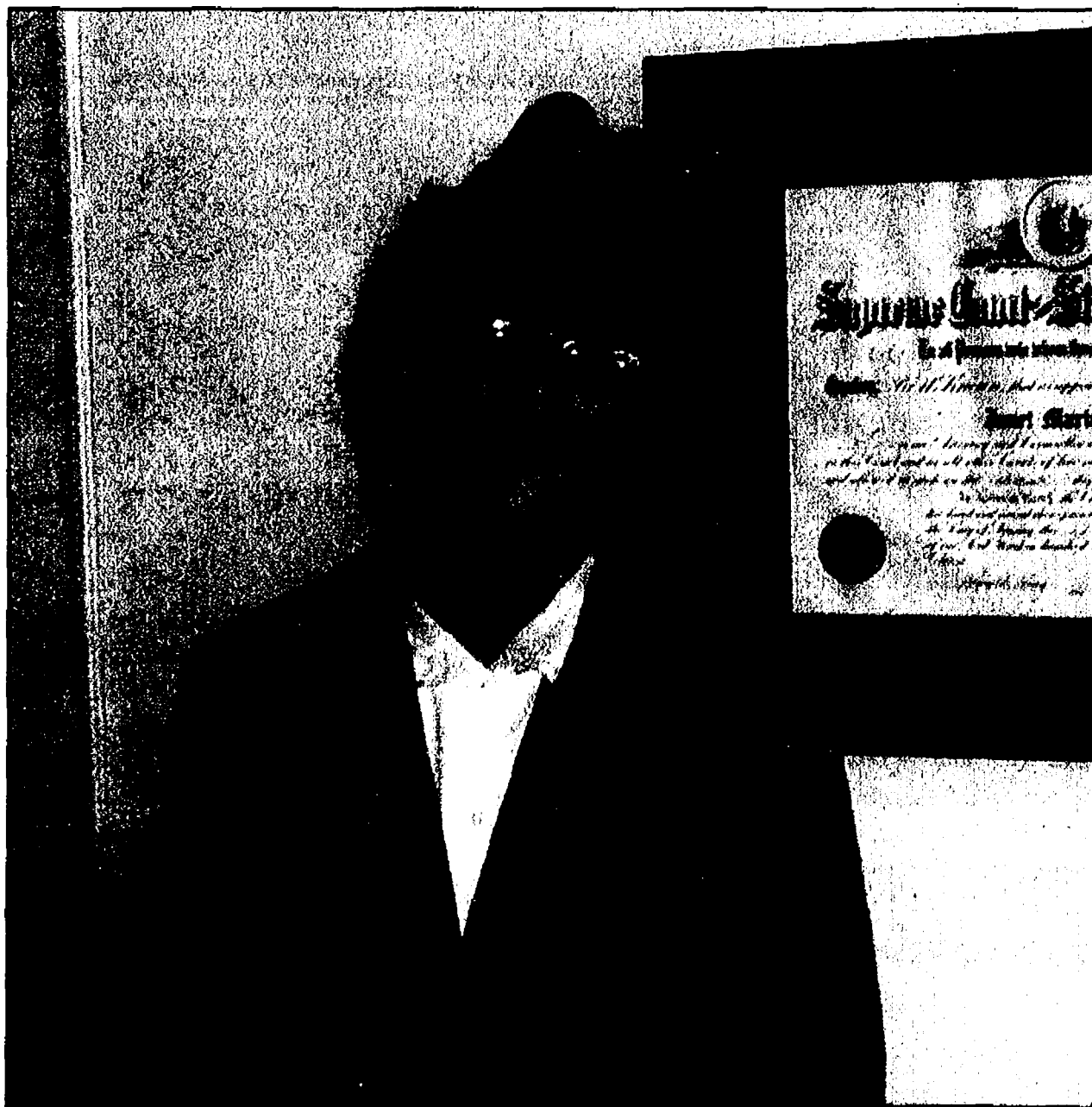


Photo by Dan Sanderson

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Former deputy appears in court for pot charge

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A former Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy and school DARE officer was formally charged with alleged marijuana dealing last week.

William John Bonkowski, 45, was arraigned in Crawford County District Court on Wednesday, March 19, for a charge of controlled substance-delivery/manufacture of marijuana. He faces up to four years in prison and a \$20,000 fine if convicted.

Bonkowski appeared in front of 46th Trial Court Magistrate Camarin Talarico during the brief court hearing. Talarico scheduled a pretrial hearing for April 1. A preliminary exam, where prosecutors will have to present the evidence to determine if Bonkowski will be sent to Crawford County Circuit Court for a trial of the felony charge, is slated to be held on April 15.

Bonkowski appeared in court with Traverse City attorney James Hunt, a veteran trial lawyer and a former Grand Traverse County assistant prosecutor.

Bonkowski worked as a

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy between September 1996 and December 2006. He retired from his position due to medical issues.

Bonkowski worked as a school liaison officer during his tenure with the sheriff's department, being assigned to the AuSable Primary School and the Grayling Elementary School from 2001 to 2004. Part of his duties as the school officer included teaching the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program to children.

Hunt requested copies of police court records to determine the evidence that authorities had to charge Bonkowski, including a copy of the search warrant. Hunt said the search warrant was suppressed in the court files, meaning it was not available to be viewed by the public. Hunt said that police and prosecutors typically suppress a search warrant if there is an ongoing investigation, or if they are seeking to conceal the name of the person who provided the information that prompted the criminal charge.

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Head Start students learn about transportation



After learning about transportation, and the people who help other people get around in the community, students from the Frederic Head Start program went on field trips to the Crawford County Sheriff's Office and the Grayling Army Airfield. Above left, the students sit on top of a snowmobile used for patrols and rescue operations by the Crawford County Sheriff's Office. Above right, the students were excited to get a close up view of a Cobra Attack helicopter, which was in a hanger at the Grayling Army Airfield undergoing maintenance.

County officials prepare for road millage

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Crawford County Road Commission board, said that all 83 counties in the state are attempting to find ways to deal with declining state revenues. Along with increased costs for gasoline and diesel fuel, Riehle said prices for asphalt, road patching material, gravel, salt and equipment have increased significantly in recent years.

"Some counties are worse off than others, because they didn't see the writing on the wall before it got here," Riehle said.

The road commission only has a pair of projects planned for the upcoming construction season. One project includes reconstructing a two mile stretch of North Down River

Road between Wakeley Bridge Road and Stephan Bride Road. The other project includes repairing a one and a half mile stretch on North Higgins Lake Drive. The road commission is receiving \$300,000 from the state for that project, since the road is used to access the North Higgins Lake State Park.

Barring funding changes in Lansing, road officials said the only way to fix potholes and repair roads will be through the support of Crawford County voters this fall.

"If something doesn't happen for revenues for us, it's certainly going to get far worse before it gets better," Babcock said. "Even if the millage passes, we're still going to a year out

before we receive revenues."

Riehle said that there are 40 miles of roads in the county that need to be addressed. He added that some road commissions in the state are opting to turn potholed filled roadways back into gravel roads, due to budget woes and increased material costs.

Riehle said that road officials plan to step up efforts to educate the public on how the road commission is funded. A brunt of MTF funds come from gasoline taxes. Riehle noted that the tax is collected on the amount of gallons sold and not the high gas prices, so road commissions are receiving fewer funds as people and tourists are traveling less.

Riehle also noted that MDOT is also doing projects to test road materials in the region using MTF funds taken from the funding formula before dollars are distributed to local counties.

"They're redoing their roads, and we don't have the money to take care of our local roads," he said. "We have some really bad roads, and we're having to do what we can with what we can get."

Crawford County Commissioner Scott Hanson said it is the county board's protocol to have millage issues reviewed by a bond counsel to ensure that they are worded in accordance with state law before they are put on the ballot.

Judge Allen honored by Girl Scouts for service

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Granholm. Allen filled a vacancy created when Grayling Judge Alton T. Davis, who served as chief circuit court judge for the 46th Circuit Trial Court, was appointed to serve as a Michigan Court of Appeals justice. Allen retained her seat on the bench when voters elected her to continue serving the trial court, which covers Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties, in 2006.

Along with serving as a role

model and mentoring youth, Alicia Rusch, director of development for the Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay, said Allen has shown what youngsters can accomplish in the legal field. Her career has stretched from serving as a law clerk for a Michigan State Supreme Court justice to owning her own law practice and serving as a judge.

"She's an icon for young girls to see how far they can go with some determination and some work," Rusch said.

Allen received the award at the 2008 Celebration of Girl Scouting ceremony, held in Saginaw, on March 5.

"It's quite an honor to be among this group of women in receiving this award and it's meaningful to me," Allen said.

Allen was involved in the Girl Scouts as a Brownie while she was growing up in Detroit.

"They're real instrumental in building confident girls who understand the need to give back and serve the community,"

Allen said.

Allen has served as a mentor for teens through the From Decisions to Actions program, and has also participated in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. She is a past board president for the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, and has served as a legal advisor for the Otsego County Friendship Shelter and the Retired and Senior Volunteer program of Otsego County.

Gaylord resident Bonnie Vance, who serves on the board of directors for the Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay, nominated Allen for the recognition. Vance, who serves as the financial officer for Vance's Rehabilitation Center, received the Women of Distinction award for the Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay in 2002.


"She exemplifies what you can accomplish and has a heart for the community and those who are in need," Vance said of Judge Allen. "She uses her skills in a way that serves as a very worthy role model for girls and young women."

Allen encourages people to reach out to youth more as she is seeing younger people wind up in her courtroom. Youth and teen offenders are typically dealt with in probate court, but can be sent up to circuit court for repeat offenses or for the severity of their criminal actions.

"If you're going to reach these kids, you have to do it as early on as possible to give them whatever they need," Allen said. "I think everybody in the community should do whatever they can to nurture these kids so they don't end up in circuit court."

Correction

In an article which ran in the March 20 edition of the Avalanche, titled "Women's Day a fun and educational time" in a Letter to the Editor, it incorrectly stated that at least 150 or more ladies attended. It should have read that more than 50 women attended. The Avalanche apologizes for the error.




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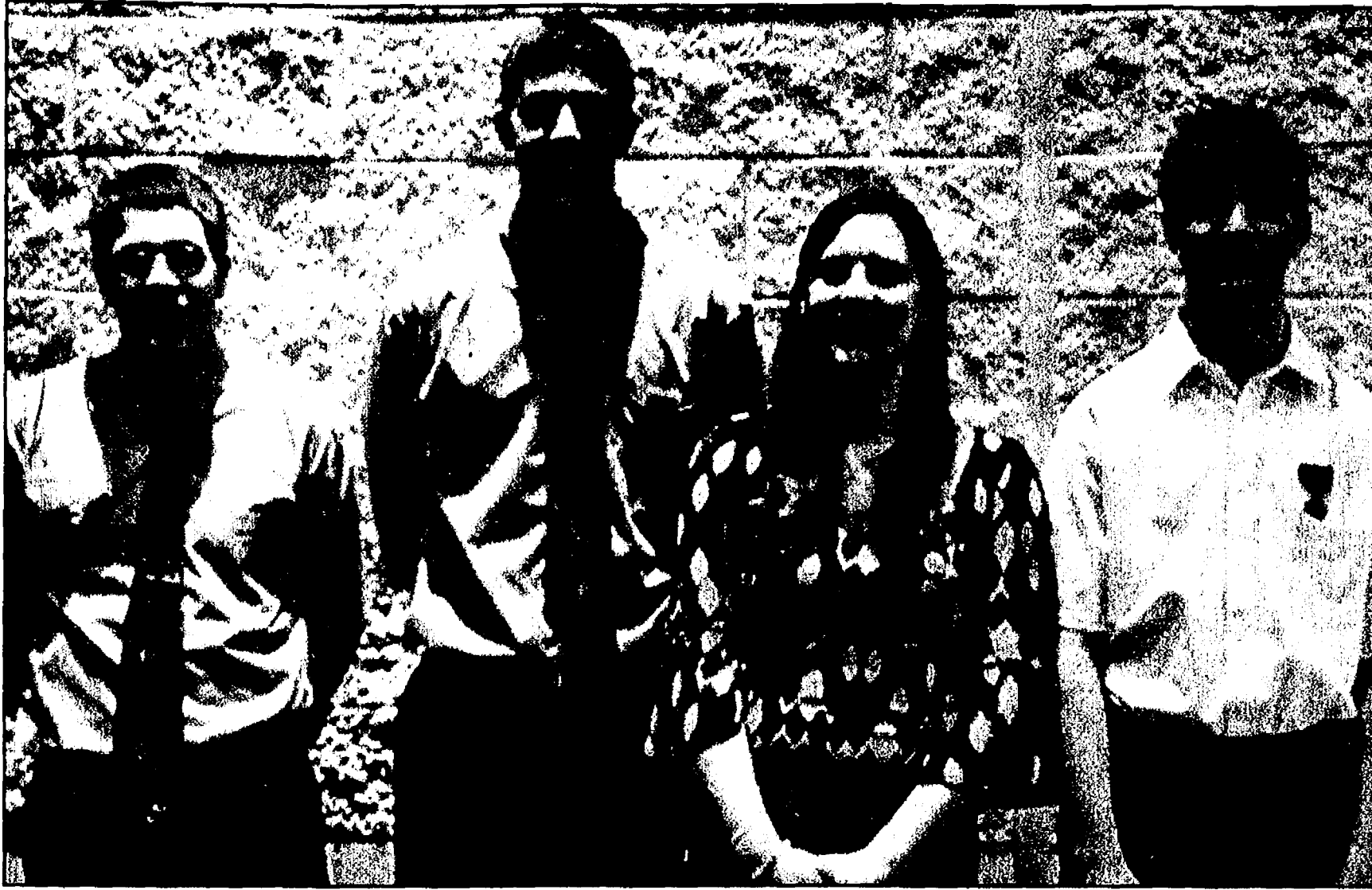
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Students qualify for Solo and Ensemble



Four Grayling High School band students qualified at the state level for the Solo and Ensemble Festival held on March 15, at Central Michigan University. Shown (L to R) are: Christopher Wells - Trombone Proficiency III Solo - First Division Rating (91 points); Ross Teeple - Alto Saxophone Proficiency I Solo - Second Division Rating (79 points); Leigha Stevens - Baritone Proficiency II Solo - First Division Rating (95 points); and Leo Johnson - Trombone Proficiency I Solo - Second Division Rating (85 points).

Bowler records second perfect game at Legion

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling bowler Lance Davis rolled a perfect game, at the American Legion Lounge and Lanes last week, adding to his family's accomplishments in the sport.

Davis recorded a 300 game in American Men's League competition on Tuesday, March 18.

Davis bowled the 300 during the second game in his series. He bowled a 233 in his first game, and 203 in the third game.

The 300 game is only the sixth perfect game bowled at the American Legion Lounge and Lane's in its history. Davis bowled a perfect game in 2006. Paul Junttila, Jake Helsel and Al Angove have also accomplished the feat.

"I've known all the people who have thrown a 300, so that is kind of nice," Davis said.

Davis, who is on the McLean's Ace Hardware team, said the thought of leaving a lone pin standing was in his mind when he bowled the 300 game.

"The last ball you throw, you want to hit your mark, keep it in pocket and hope the 10-pin carries," Davis said.

Davis, who has also bowled a 300 game at the Gaylord Bowling Center, said he appreciates having a pair of perfect games at the American Legion Lounge and Lanes.

"It's kind of nice, being from a small community, where people congratulate you and are happy for each other," he said.

Davis will receive a ring from the United States Bowling Congress to recognize his game.

Bowling is a family tradition for the Davis family. Davis' father, Larry Davis Sr., was an avid bowler, and his mother, Lois, is a former bowler. His brother, Larry Davis, holds the series record at the American Legion Lounge and Lanes, with a

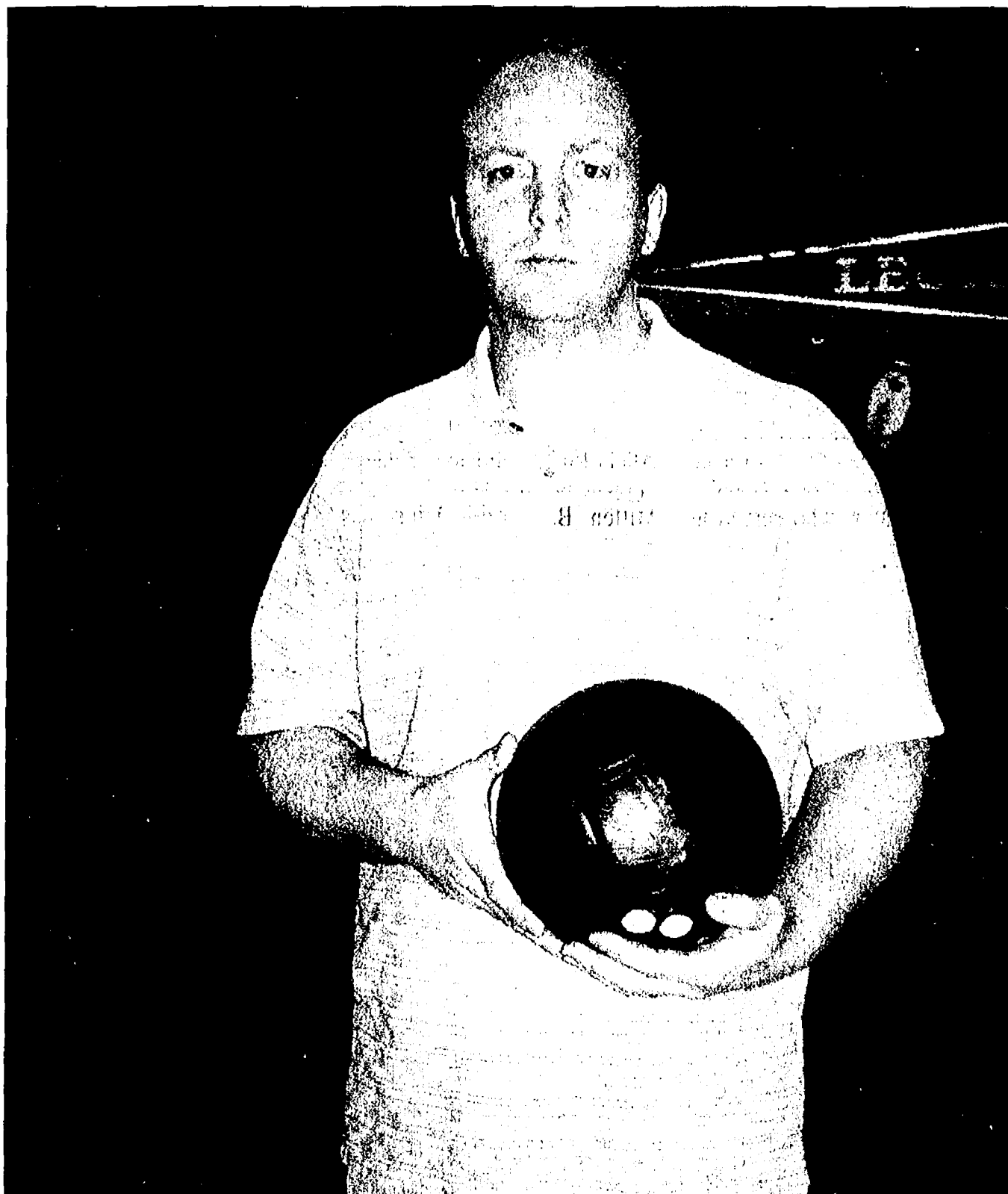


Photo by Dan Sanderson

Grayling bowler Lance Davis, above, rolled a perfect game at the American Legion Lounge and Lanes last week, adding to his family's accomplishments in the sport. Davis recorded a 300 game in American Men's League competition on Tuesday, March 18.

score of 802. Davis' other brother, Lonnie Davis, also enjoys the sport.

Davis said he loves to take on friends, teams and players at the bowling alley.

"It's just a competition amongst friends," he said. "It's

always nice to beat somebody by one pin, or when you lose by one - that's tough."

Davis works as a youth specialist at Camp Shawano, and is married to his wife, Shirlee.

While acknowledging the family's accomplishments in the

sport, Davis said bowling is just something he likes to do to pass the time during chilly temperatures.

"It's what I like to do during the wintertime," Davis said. "I bowl during the winter and golf in the summer."

Recognized author and chef to appear at library

A noted chef, author and television personality will share delicacies and stories with patrons at the Devereaux Memorial Library, at an upcoming event.

Chef Eric Villegas, the author of "Fork in the Road," will pay a visit to the library at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 10. The event will include a storytelling, a book signing and a question-and-answer session with guests.

"Fork in the Road" is based on Villegas' award winning PBS cooking show, and features recipes rich in Michigan's best local ingredients. Organized by regions of the state, including the Fruit Belt and Middle of the Mitt, the recipes affirm the diverse

food heritage of the Great Lakes region.

"It's a literary treat to have Eric Villegas in our community, sharing his captivating work with our friends and neighbors in such an open, accessible way," said Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson, the director of the Crawford County Library System. "Michigan is home to some of the best storytellers found anywhere in the country, and an author of Chef Villegas' caliber in our library will make it an evening to remember."

This year, 14 authors were selected to take part in the 2008 Michigan Notable Books tour and will visit over 60 libraries

statewide.

The Michigan Notable Books program, formerly known as Read Michigan, is designed to promote reading and raise awareness of Michigan's Library Heritage. The program annually selects 30 of the most outstanding books published for the year that reflect Michigan's diverse ethnic, historical, literary and cultural experience.

"This year's Michigan Notable Books delve into wonderfully diverse topics and offer something of interest for just about everyone," said State Librarian Nancy R. Robertson. "The tour

offers the opportunity for book enthusiasts in many corners of the state to join in the conversation about what constitutes great writing and to hear from some of the Great Lakes region's most beloved authors."

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Candidate Ron Paul still plugging along

WHATEVER HAPPENED to Ron Paul?

In case you hadn't noticed – and relatively few people do – the Texas Republican congressman is still running for president.

Rep. Paul was one of the original 10 or so Republicans who were “official” candidates for the Republican nomination for president.

Slowly they all fell by the wayside as Sen. John McCain racked up enough Republican primary and caucus victories to assure his nomination at the GOP national nominating convention in St. Paul/Minneapolis in August.

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee was the last Republican hold-out, and even he finally succumbed to mathematical inevitability.

But not Ron Paul. He's still running his lonely campaign for the Republican nomination.

RON PAUL admits he won't win the nomination because John McCain has it

wrapped up, but he still pursues his own campaign of ideas.

“We must remember elections are short-term efforts, (and) revolutions are long-term projects,” Mr. Paul is quoted in a recent article by *Gannett News Service*.

And Ron Paul is a revolutionary in the sense that his political ideas run counter to the mainstream of current political practices.

He is the only Republican candidate who repeatedly advocated immediate withdrawal of all US troops from Iraq, for example, claiming the war is a mistake in the first place and continued US presence serves as “a recruiting tool” for Al Qaeda terrorism.

He opposes the “No Child Left Behind” education law and USA Patriot Act. He advocates eliminating several federal agencies including the Departments of Education, Energy and Homeland Security.

Obviously, Mr. Paul also rails against excessive government spending, too.

ALL THIS IS pretty much in keeping with his roots as the Libertarian Party presidential candidate in the 1988 election. He didn't win then, either.

But he has many fans around Michigan and around the nation. His is a grass roots appeal for smaller government, less spending, and more individual responsibility. In many places, these appeals resound.

Candidate Paul still plugs along in his campaign of ideas. He plans to visit states that yet plan to hold primaries.

You still can spot Ron Paul bumper stickers and yard signs here and there from the days when he campaigned in Michigan before our ill-fated January primary.

A committed Ron Paul backer in January even paid cold cash to run an ad in the *Presque Isle County Advance* in Rogers City. That was the first paid presidential candidate ad I have seen appear in a small Michigan newspaper in many years.

IN THIS AGE of emerging technology, the Internet has helped to spread the Ron Paul message.

For example, in January, Candidate Paul raised \$4.4 million, which brought his 2008 campaign dollars total to more than \$32 million. The *Gannett* article pointed out this is more money than better known former GOP candidates Fred Thompson or Mike Huckabee reported raising.

That's not peanuts, but it pales in comparison with the total of \$1 billion which the top three surviving candidates – Sens. Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama and John McCain – reportedly plan to spend for their combined campaigns.

A billion dollars is a lot of money, too – although not enough to finance for very long a hypothetical war in some small mid eastern country, for example. Money is all relative.

Ron Paul, 72, plans to continue in Congress – if he is reelected in November. He did not carry his own

congressional district in the recent Texas presidential primary, running a distant third behind John McCain and Mike Huckabee.

Ron Paul is a medical doctor by vocation, and a libertarian voice in the relative political ideological wilderness by choice.

His continuing presidential campaign is not about him as an individual, Mr. Paul claims, but about ideas.

HOMEWORK – As a homework assignment for regular readers of the Almanack, name all 10 announced Republican candidates for president – meaning those who were assigned microphones in the first presidential “debates” – when this whole political shebang got underway.

Good luck.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

by Dennis McClure, CED, Montmorency MSU Extension
The real issues of wildfires

Last fall's California wildfires, and the Sleeper Lake fire in the U. P., have once again demonstrated the danger of wildfires. However, it is important to understand the real issue of wildfires.

Contrary to news reports about “the fire raging on,” a wildfire is simply a matter of burning fuels. While fire fighters may not be able to bring a wildfire under control due to its intensity, a wildfire is not like a tornado or hurricane, charging haphazardly across the countryside. A wildfire burns where there is fuel to burn – whether natural vegetation or buildings. When the fuel is not there, the fire goes out.

In nature, wildfires consume dead branches, dead trees and dead leaf litter. This is one way in which Mother Nature renews itself. Only when there are homes and buildings in the path of the fire does it become a disaster. Wildfire experts refer to this as living in the “wildland-urban interface.”

People who live in the wildland-urban interface must take special precautions against wildfire, and if they don't, their homes and outbuildings can be destroyed.

In many states, including both California and Michigan, the USDA Forest Service, University Extension and the Department of Natural Resources have been working with local communities and residents on a program entitled “Firewise Communities.” This program is designed to help protect homes and property from

wildfires.

Firewise teaches homeowners to develop “defensible space” around their homes. This term does not refer to bare ground but does include a zone around homes and buildings that is resistant to burning.

Within the defensible space, homeowners should maintain the lawn and also use fire-resistant plants and/or avoid placing combustible plants too close to the structures. This prevents a pine tree, for example, from igniting and then starting the building on fire. Incorporating Firewise techniques can help protect the home, yet still maintain a beautiful landscape.

“Firebrands,” floating embers that are still burning or glowing, are also a problem in wildfires. Firebrands are lofted out of the fire and can be blown downwind up to a mile. These firebrands can ignite new spot fires, a wood shake roof, ignite a wooden deck or a pile of firewood, as well as dead leaf litter under the deck, behind landscape plants or litter that collects in eave troughs.

Firewise recommends keeping dead leaf litter and vegetative litter cleaned out from these places so that firebrands cannot start new fires and then ignite the structure. The use of fire-resistant roofing, such as metal, asphalt or terracotta tile, can protect against firebrands as well.

For more information on being FIREWISE, go to www.firewise.msu.edu, or contact the Montmorency County Extension office at 989-785-8015.

EDITOR

Home was a total loss

To the editor:

I am writing this letter because I am appalled at the lack of responsibility the *Avalanche* showed last week when it ran their story of the Russell family's tragic house fire.

Had the author of the piece done thorough fact-checking, he would've discovered that the Russells' home was a total loss. Their four children lost every toy, every piece of clothing.

The fire started due to a faulty chimney. Had this fire started in the night, as house fires usually seem to do, the Russells' situation would not have turned into ultimate tragedy.

You see, the only reason they even knew there was a fire was because Zack had gone out to shovel the drive and saw the smoke pouring out of the side of the chimney. Aprille, inside, had no idea a fire was burning in their attic, and because of the location of the fire, none of the smoke detectors went off.

Before they knew it, the roof had collapsed into the bedrooms of their two youngest children.

The Russell family did not have renters' insurance, contrary to what was reported in the *Avalanche*. Right now, they cannot afford to replace what they have lost and are therefore

deeply and eternally grateful to all those who have rallied in their support during this awful time in their lives.

They are especially grateful to Aprille's parents, who have opened their small three bedroom home and welcomed the family of six as well as their pets.

A lesser family may have crumbled in the wake of this latest trial in a long string of unfortunate events to befall the Russells, but they are a strong, loving and persevering unit and we could all learn a lesson in diligence and character from Zachary and Aprille Russell and her parents, Vernon and Rita Watts.

Shame on the *Crawford County Avalanche*. Your negligent oversights could, and may have very quickly and very wrongly, besmirched the reputation of a very upstanding family.

Rachel Anderson
Harrison

Editor's note: The information from the article, “Chimney fire makes rental home unlivable,” which appeared in the March 20, 2008, edition of the Crawford County Avalanche, was provided by the fire department.

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of *The Crawford County Avalanche*.

AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use

every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all **display ads smaller than a half page** is Friday at 5 p.m.

What Do You Think?

The *Crawford County Avalanche* welcomes its readers to comment on news, features, and opinion articles – including letters to the editor and Richard Milliman's weekly Almanack column – on our Internet site at www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com.

To express an opinion on a news, feature, or op-ed article, click on a story and scroll down to the “What do you think?” header (it's highlighted with a red color bar). Fill in your name and type your comments in the area provided, and click the “Post Comment” icon when finished. Existing comments are listed between the “What do you think?” header and the area to post new comments. Readers are also welcome to respond to comments posted by other readers.

All comments are subject to approval by *Crawford County Avalanche* management prior to publication on our Internet site. Comments are limited to 200 words.

Excerpts from recent comments posted on our Internet site:

Bill wrote on March 23 (regarding Mason Tract timber cutting): “Back in the late sixties my Dad worked for the DNR. I remember that this kind of ‘cut it all down’ mentality was around then as now. There is a valid reason for selectively cutting old growth, but the idea that you have to make acres of wilderness look like an atom bomb

went off makes no sense to me.”

Scott wrote on March 21 (regarding Mason Tract timber cutting): “Why not select cut instead of clear cutting, that way some of the older trees that are providing food and shelter for many animals are still there. Maybe someone can explain what good it does the forest or the animals by harvesting all the trees, except that it produces more money for the State. Look around – do you think the State will stop cutting after these few acres? The State always makes it seem that the forest could not survive without cutting them down. I wonder how these forest have regenerated for thousands of years without their help?”

Noel wrote on March 21 (regarding proposed theme park): “Those people in favor of the theme park are most likely people who were in favor of NAFTA!!! The roller coaster, race track, and don't forget the world's tallest Christmas tree are nothing compared to what lays ahead for the future of Grayling. You are riding the crest of a tsunami wave that will forever devastate our city and region. Theme parks have no attraction if they are not Six Flags, Cedar Point, Walt Disney. Research, read, get informed. These money mongers coming to town are just like the big banks and money managers who have crushed the USA in the mortgage mess.”

<http://www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com>

Online Poll Results

Last week's online poll question and results:

How far will Michigan State, a #5 seed, go in the NCAA men's basketball tournament?

| First Round | Second Round | Sweet Sixteen | Elite Eight | Final Four | Champ Game |
|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Loss | 8 votes | 13 votes | 7 votes | 5 votes | 2 votes |
| 2 votes | 22% | 35% | 19% | 14% | 5% |

This week's online poll question: **How many regular season games (out of 162) will the Detroit Tigers win this year?**

To vote in our online polls, visit our Internet site:
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BRIEFS

Church to hold concert

Bear Lake Christian Church, located on M-72 halfway between Grayling and Kalkaska, will present an evening of music and ministry with Marshall and Mary Collins in concert, on Sunday, March 30, at 6 p.m.

Church to hold grief support group

Bear Lake Christian Church, located on M-72 halfway between Grayling and Kalkaska, will offer a grief support group, presented from a Christian perspective, beginning on Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m. This is a free service to the public. The group will meet every Thursday for six weeks. Pre-registration is required. Call 231-258-6107, leave your name, contact information and your interest in the program.

State Retirees to hold monthly meeting

The regular monthly meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held on Tuesday, April 1, at the Houghton Lake Community Building at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

New 2008 state transportation map now available

The newest edition of the official Michigan Department of Transportation map is now available at Travel Michigan Welcome Centers, MDOT offices, and soon, at Secretary of State offices across the state. The 2008 theme is "Michigan, more freshwater coastline than any other state."

The map features dramatic photos of Michigan's beautiful lakes and streams, complete with recreational boaters, a fly fisherman and barefoot beachcombers. The cover photo features Holland's famous Big Red lighthouse on Lake Michigan and two classic-style, made-in-Michigan mahogany boats. The poetic language used on the map was taken from a "Pure Michigan" promotional ad sponsored by Travel Michigan.

"Michigan is blessed with many natural attractions and scenic vistas, so the choice of a water wonderland and nautical theme was a perfect choice for our 2008 map," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "The map incorporates some changes recommended from an Internet questionnaire conducted last year by MDOT, in which we asked the motoring public for their suggestions and comments. We are listening to our customers. Our staff is planning future improvements based on customer recommendations."

Steudle also noted that most survey respondents were satisfied with the map, and 98 percent said MDOT should continue to print it. Most people indicated they use the map for travel associated with recreation, the second

biggest use was for business travel. About 80 percent of the respondents said the size of the map was "just right." The most frequently used features (other than the obvious use of roads) were mileage table, municipality index, individual city maps, and the southeast Metro Detroit map.

Steudle said there are several important updates on the new map, including using road sign symbols for both M-routes and county roads that duplicate signs used on the highway. Also, exit numbers are now listed for US-127 (in limited access freeway sections), which MDOT re-numbered and re-signed last year on the actual highway. Exit numbers also are included for M-10 (Lodge Freeway) in Detroit.

The map includes information on "How to Drive a Roundabout," a new type of circular intersection in Michigan. Emergency information is more prominently displayed, with advice to call "911" in an emergency.

Other updates include adding phone numbers and Web site addresses for all of Michigan's major bridges, and identifying the state's three National Scenic Byways: River Road in Iosco County; Copper Country Trail in Keweenaw County; and Woodward Avenue (M-1) in Detroit.

About 1.5 million maps will be printed this year, at a cost of 14 cents per copy. To view the online version, get more details, report a suspected error or request a free copy of the printed map, go to the MDOT Web site at www.michigan.gov/statemap.

April is 'Donate Life Month'

In April, the Department of State kicks off its annual organ donor campaign, giving residents an opportunity to help transform the life of someone waiting for an organ, tissue or eye transplant.

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land said that it only takes a few minutes of time and a "little heart" to make a difference to those in need of a second chance at life. When residents add their name to the Michigan Organ Donor Registry, they receive a heart sticker designating their wish to be an organ, tissue or eye donor for their driver's license or state identification card.

"Every minute is precious to someone waiting for a transplant," Land said. "So far this year, 165 transplants have helped save or enhance the lives of numerous people. Unfortunately, nearly 3,100 Michigan residents are on the waiting list. We need every eligible person, young and old, to sign up on the donor registry. If you've signed up in the past and don't have a little heart sticker on your license or ID card, you need to re-enroll. Take a moment to sign up and make a difference in someone's life."

The department's Web site makes registering easy with its online enrollment program at www.michigan.gov/sos. Residents may also sign up at any Secretary of State office.

There are 1,224,608 names on the donor registry.

Gift of Life Michigan is the state's certified, full-service organ recovery organization. The agency acts as an intermediary between donors, physicians and hospital staff. For more information about organ donation, contact Gift of Life Michigan at 800-482-4881, or www.giftoflifemichigan.org.

The Michigan Eye-Bank's mission is the restoration of sight. It recovers, evaluates and distributes corneas for transplantation, supports eye and vision research and offers public and professional education on the importance of eye, organ and tissue donation. To learn more, call 800-247-7250, or visit the organization's Web site at www.michiganeye-bank.org.

For more information about the department's organ donation initiatives, visit its Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

MLSA to hold annual conference in Grayling

The Michigan Lake and Stream Associations, Inc. (MLSA), a nonprofit, statewide volunteer organization dedicated to preserving and protecting Michigan's watershed, Great Lakes, inland lakes and streams as well as riparian property owners rights, will hold their 47th annual conference, April 25-27, at the Ramada Inn, Grayling.

The theme of this year's conference, "Working Together to Preserve and Protect Our Inland Lakes and Streams," is dedicated to the idea that the most effective way to preserve and protect Michigan's vast treasure of fresh water resources is by working together in the true spirit of cooperation and partnership.

This year's MLSA 47th Annual Conference is being co-sponsored by the Michigan Waterfront Alliance, the Michigan Riparian Magazine, the Michigan Lake and Stream Foundation, the Michigan Clean Water Corps and the Michigan Loon Preservation Association.

The conference will feature commercial exhibits by freshwa-

ter related service and product vendors, displays by nonprofit environmental groups, a silent auction, a 50-50 raffle, door prizes and a unique Michigan produced documentary entitled "The Uncommon Loon" on Friday evening. On Saturday evening, there will be a banquet featuring awards and entertainment by the "Catch and Release" blues band. A grand prize will be awarded at the conclusion of the "Our Great Lakes -2008" symposium, on Sunday of the conference, from 8:30 a.m. - noon.

According to Mr. Don Winne, Michigan Lake and Stream Associations Executive Director, attendees to this year's Annual Conference will have a great opportunity to learn about almost every facet of the issues and challenges confronting Michigan's freshwater resources and how to become involved in helping to preserve these priceless resources.

For more information, or for conference registration forms, visit the organization's Web site at www.mlsa.org.

Local garden club presents free seminar

Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club will present its first seminar of the season, "Think of Gardening as a Habitat", presented by Patricia Osbourn of the Ostego Conservation District. The seminar will be held on Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m. at the Michelson Church, 400 Michigan Ave., Grayling.

Osbourn will take you through the steps in creating your own backyard wildlife habitat. Whether you want to attract more butterflies, birds, hummingbirds or increase your sightings of animal life, you will leave this seminar equipped to enjoy hours of pleasure with your new found gardening knowledge. With the use of many native plantings, you will find endless options that are easy to implement.

Do you find your prized garden plants are frequently devoured by the deer? Listen in for many deer

resistant varieties as well.

Learn how native garden habitats not only provide a great habitat for Michigan wildlife, but a more sustainable, easier to care for garden. Native plants frequently require less care and maintenance, and withstand the perils of sandy soil and rainless summers.

This free event is open to the public and does not require garden club membership, although donations are welcome.

Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club, is a not for profit organization, providing educational and inspirational events for its members and the community.

The garden club sponsors several gardens within the Grayling community. All donations will go to these community gardens and events.

For more information, contact Florence Hough at 989-348-8510.

Controlled Burn series continues

Fleda Brown, the former "poet laureate" of Delaware and author of six collections of poetry, will be the featured guest speaker for the ongoing Controlled Burn Reading Series at Kirtland Community College on Monday, April 7.

Brown, who was raised in Arkansas and earned her doctorate in English from the University of Arkansas, taught at the University of Delaware for more than 25 years. There, she founded the "Poets in the Schools" program, which she helped direct for about 12 years.

Having retired from U-of-D in 2007, Brown now lives in the Traverse City area, where she works as a faculty member for the Rainier Writing Workshop, a low-residency master's degree program at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash. She remains an active member of the writing community and recently read at The Winter Heat Writer's Retreat at the DNR's Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in Higgins Lake.

Brown's poems and essays have won a myriad of awards. Her most recent poetry collection, "Reunion," garnered the University of Wisconsin's Felix Pollak Prize. And Brown's belief in taking poetry in the community had led her to read her work, not only in schools, colleges and

universities, but also in libraries, senior citizen communities, a prison for delinquent teens and the Delaware State Legislature.

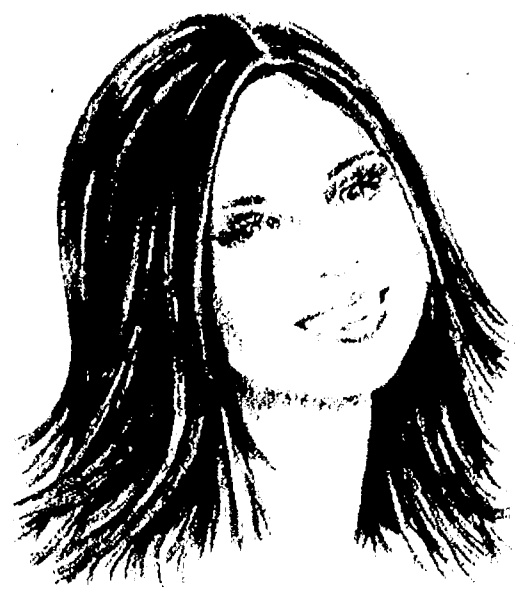
All of the Controlled Burn readings, which are free and open to the public, are held at the Kirtland House conference center located on College Drive, on the college's main campus, near Roscommon. At the April 7 event, there will be a reception at 5 p.m., with the reading starting at 5:30 p.m.

Brown was originally scheduled to be the featured speaker on Feb. 11, but the reading was postponed due to poor weather conditions.

For more information about the Controlled Burn reading series, contact Carol Finke via e-mail at finke@kirtland.edu or call 989-275-5000, extension 386. And, for more about Kirtland's creative writing programs, visit online at <http://services.kirtland.edu/~english/>.

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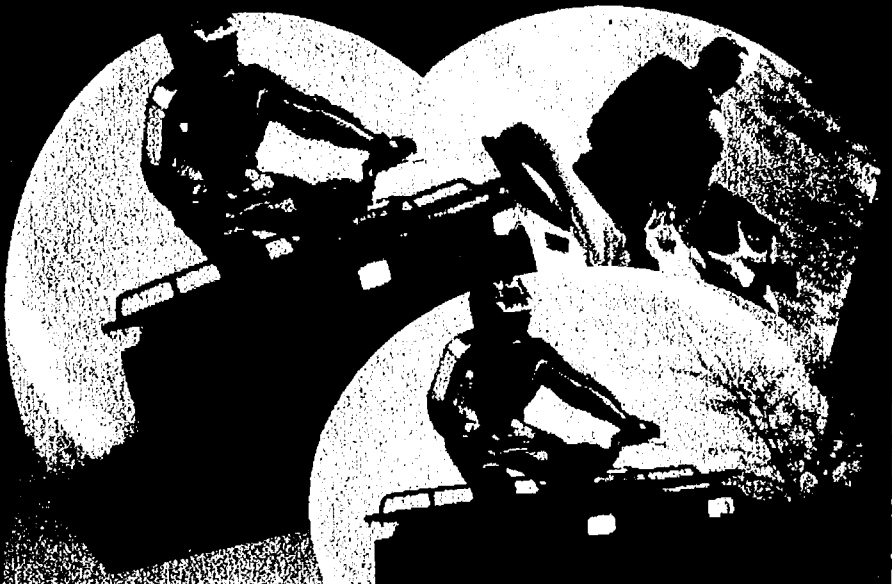
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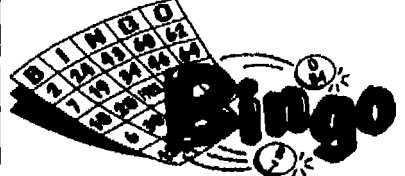


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The Bible Speaks

Historic Roots of 9/11?

Over the course of 10 centuries, Muslim pirates cruised the African and Mediterranean coastline, pillaging villages and seizing slaves.... When American colonists rebelled against British rule in 1776, American merchant ships lost Royal Navy protection.... The Continental Congress agreed in 1784 to negotiate treaties with the four Barbary States. Congress appointed a special commission consisting of John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and Benjamin Franklin, to oversee the negotiations.

"In 1786, Jefferson, then the American ambassador to France, and Adams, then the American ambassador to Britain, met in London with Sidi Haji Abdul Rahman Adja, the 'Dey of Algiers' ambassador to Britain. The Americans wanted to negotiate a peace treaty based on Congress' vote to appease'. During the meeting Jefferson and Adams asked the Dey's ambassador why Muslims held so much hostility towards America, a nation with which they had no previous contacts. In a later meeting with the American Congress,

the two future presidents reported that Ambassador Sidi Haji Abdul Rahman Adja had answered that Islam "was founded on the Laws of their Prophet, that it was written in their Quran, that all nations who should not have acknowledged their authority were sinners, that it was their right and duty to make war upon them wherever they could be found, and to make slaves of all they could take as prisoners, and that every Musselman (Muslim) who should be slain in Battle was sure to go to Paradise."

"For the following 15 years, the American government paid the Muslims millions of dollars for the safe passage of American ships or the return of American hostages. The payments in ransom and tribute amounted to 20 percent of United States government annual revenues in 1800. Not long after Jefferson's inauguration as president in 1801, he dispatched a group of frigates to defend American interests in the Mediterranean, and informed Congress. Declaring that America was going to spend 'millions for defense but not one cent for tribute,' Jefferson pressed the issue by deploying American Marines and many of America's best

warships to the Muslim Barbary Coast.... In 1805, American Marines marched across the desert from Egypt into Tripolitania, forcing the surrender of Tripoli and the freeing of all American slaves."

"During the Jefferson administration, the Muslim Barbary States, crumbling as a result of intense American naval bombardment and on shore raids by Marines, finally officially agreed to abandon slavery and piracy. Jefferson's victory over the Muslims lives on today in the Marine Hymn, with the line, 'From the halls of Montezuma, to the shores of Tripoli. We fight our country's battles in the air, on land and sea.' It wasn't until 1815 that the problem was fully settled by the total defeat of all the Muslim slave trading pirates." (Above quotes are from "What Thomas Jefferson learned from the Muslim book of jihad" written by Ted Sampley in the U. S. Veteran Dispatch, January 2007 edition) - Edited by Pastor "B"

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OBITUARIES

John P. Hall
Oct. 4 1921 - March 23, 2008
John Peterson Hall, 86, of Grayling, passed away on March 23, 2008.

He was born in Derby, Conn., on October 4, 1921, to the late Orville and Ethel (Peterson) Hall.

He married Mary Frances Bellinger on June 14, 1947, in Flint.

He served in the Army Air Force in WWII.

He is survived by daughter, Cynthia (John) Jones of Grayling; grandchildren: Christopher, Jeremy, Michele, John; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mary, in 2006.

Visitation will be held at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home on Thursday, March 27, beginning at noon up until the time of the funeral service, which will be held at 4:40 p.m., with Rev. Elizabeth Chace officiating.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Dagmar G. Robertson

Dagmar G. Robertson, 94, of Grayling, passed away on March 24, 2008. A full obituary will appear in next week's edition of the Avalanche. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Ethel "Sally" Wert

Ethel "Sally" Wert, 91, of Grayling, passed away on March 21, 2008. Funeral arrangements are pending. A full obituary will appear in next week's edition of the Avalanche.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 82 complaints the week of March 17 - March 23:

Sixteen general non-criminal complaints, one delinquent minor, one runaway, one insanity, four false alarm activations, one criminal sexual conduct/sexual assault, two assault/intimidation/stalkings, one burglary/home invasion, one burglary-safe/vault, four larcenies, one damage to property, one obstructing court order, nine public peace/disorderlies, two health and safeties, two conservations, four miscellaneous criminal offenses, 12 traffic accidents, one traffic violation-civil infraction, one accident-all other, one inspection/investigation-property, four inspections/investigations-other, five inspections/investigations-family, five suspicious situations and two driving violations/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to www.crawfordsheriff.org.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl A. Schreiner reports his department handled the following complaints during the period of March 16 - 23:

Four traffic warnings, two traffic accidents, one personal injury accident, one felony arrest, two misdemeanor arrests, two civil citations issued, five larceny complaints, one alarm response, one suspicious situation, one stalking complaint, two assist other departments, one fraud complaint, one MDOP and 13 unclassified complaints.

St. Germain, Spero engaged



Jessica St. Germain and Dustin Spero

Gerald S. St. Germain and Deborah S. St. Germain - Isaacs of Grayling, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Marie, to Dustin Robert Spero, son of Timothy and Lorraine McLaughlin of Hartland.

Jessica is a 1997 graduate of Grayling High School and a 2002 graduate of Central Michigan University, with a BS degree in Health Promotion and Rehabilitation.

Dustin is a 1999 graduate of

Hartland High School and a 2003 graduate of Central Michigan University, with a BS degree in Information Technology.

The couple reside in Kalamazoo, where Jessica is a sales representative for Stryker Instruments.

Dustin is employed by Dynamic Technology, Inc., as a systems administrator.

A June 21, 2008, wedding is planned at the English Inn, in Eaton Rapids.

Wingfield, Tobin engaged



Sara Wingfield and Isaac Tobin

Jim and Dianne Tobin of Grayling announce the engagement of their son, Isaac Nathaniel, to Sara Katherine Wingfield, daughter of Scott and Karon Wingfield of Stuart, Fla.

Isaac is a 1997 graduate of Grayling High School and a 2002 graduate of Central Michigan University, with a BS degree in Business Administration/Marketing and Logistics Management.

Sara is a 1999 graduate of

Lincoln Park Academy in Florida and a 2003 Scholar Athlete, graduate of the University of Tennessee, with a BS degree in Finance.

The couple reside in Stuart, Fla., where Isaac is a pharmaceutical sales representative for the Internal Medicine Division of Sanofi-Aventis.

Sara is a residential loan officer with National City Mortgage.

An Oct. 4, 2008, wedding is planned in Jensen Beach, Fla.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, April 25 - Lunch - porcine meatballs, egg noodles, Italian blend vegetables, corn and mandarin oranges. No dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 1 Pantry Bingo.

Monday, April 28 - Lunch - scalloped potatoes with ham, peas, peaches and an apple. Dinner - beef goulash, corn, cauliflower and mixed fruit. 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Back on Duty, 1 p.m. Bridge, 5:30 - 7 p.m. SPLASH at Mercy Rehab.

Tuesday, April 29 - Lunch - oven fried chicken, O'Brien potatoes, Riviera blend vegetables and grapes. Dinner - Swiss steak, boiled potatoes, green beans and pears. 10 a.m. Tone

and Tubes and Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre and Sit and Be Fit, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 5:30 p.m. game night.

Wednesday, April 30 - Lunch - macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, Brussels sprouts and mandarin oranges. Dinner - chicken stir-fry, rice, asparagus, oranges, grapefruit and a cherry brownie. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool league, 5:30 p.m. Price is Right game show.

Thursday, April 3 - Lunch - chicken tenders, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn and pineapple. Dinner - applejack pork, sweet potatoes, peas and an orange. 10 a.m. craft class, 12 p.m. Kiwanis meeting and NARFE meeting, 2 p.m. UNO Attack, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. SPLASH at Mercy Rehab.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

LIBRARY NEWS

National Library Week begins April 13 - 19, and will be kicked off at the Frederic Community Library with a "Love Your Library" program on Saturday, April 12, at 11 a.m. Sign up for crafts, stories and a snack by calling Connie Meyer at 989-348-4067.

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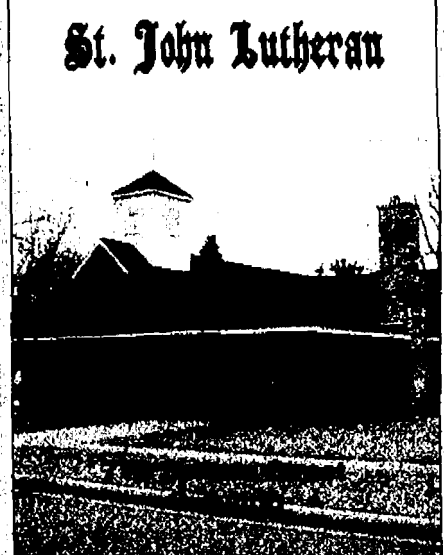
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Cub Scout Pack #3993 of Grayling held its annual Pinewood Derby race earlier this month. Above, Jim Pickell, scout master for Boy Scout Troop #995 of Grayling, prepares to release the Pinewood Derby cars for the race.

Cub Scouts race Pinewood Derby cars

Cub Scout Pack #3993 of Grayling held its annual Pinewood Derby race earlier this month.

This is the second year that the Pack used its new 40-foot, six-lane aluminum track, which was purchased with financial assistance from the Grayling Kiwanis Club and the Grayling Rotary Club.

The track has electronic timing equipment that displays the results of each race for the Scouts and spectators to view on a screen.

Each Pinewood Derby car races six times using each lane of the track. A computer then averages out the times for each car from the six heats.

"The race day was a huge success and all involved had a great time," said Brad Summers, cub master for Cub Scout Pack #3993.

There were 42 cars built and designed by the Cub Scouts and 21 open-class cars, made by youngsters not involved in Cub Scouts, that participated in the races.

The Cub Scouts encourage the public to make cars for next year's race.

The Boy Scouts of America Pinewood Derby rules are found in each kit. There is no cost to enter the Pinewood Derby, and the kits and supplies for the cars can be purchased at Goodale's Bakery.

Any boy from first through fifth grade is welcome to join the Cub Scout Pack #3993 at any time.



Marilyn Papendick, the mother of Cub Scout Jaden Gauthier and Boy Scout Mason Papendick, visits with Dollar Dog, the mascot from the North Central Area Credit Union, during the Pinewood Derby.

The results for this year's race were:

Overall champions - J.C. Bertram, first place; Ryan Nelson, second place; Troy Summers, third place.

Tiger-First grade - Noah Helsel, first place; Tyler Brandt, second place; Joseph Dell, third place.

Wolves-Second grade - Ryan Nelson, first place; Jensyn Moggo, second place; Dakota Samsel, third place.

Bears-Third grade - Troy Summers, first place; Freddy

Fisher, second place; Jonah Strouse, third place.

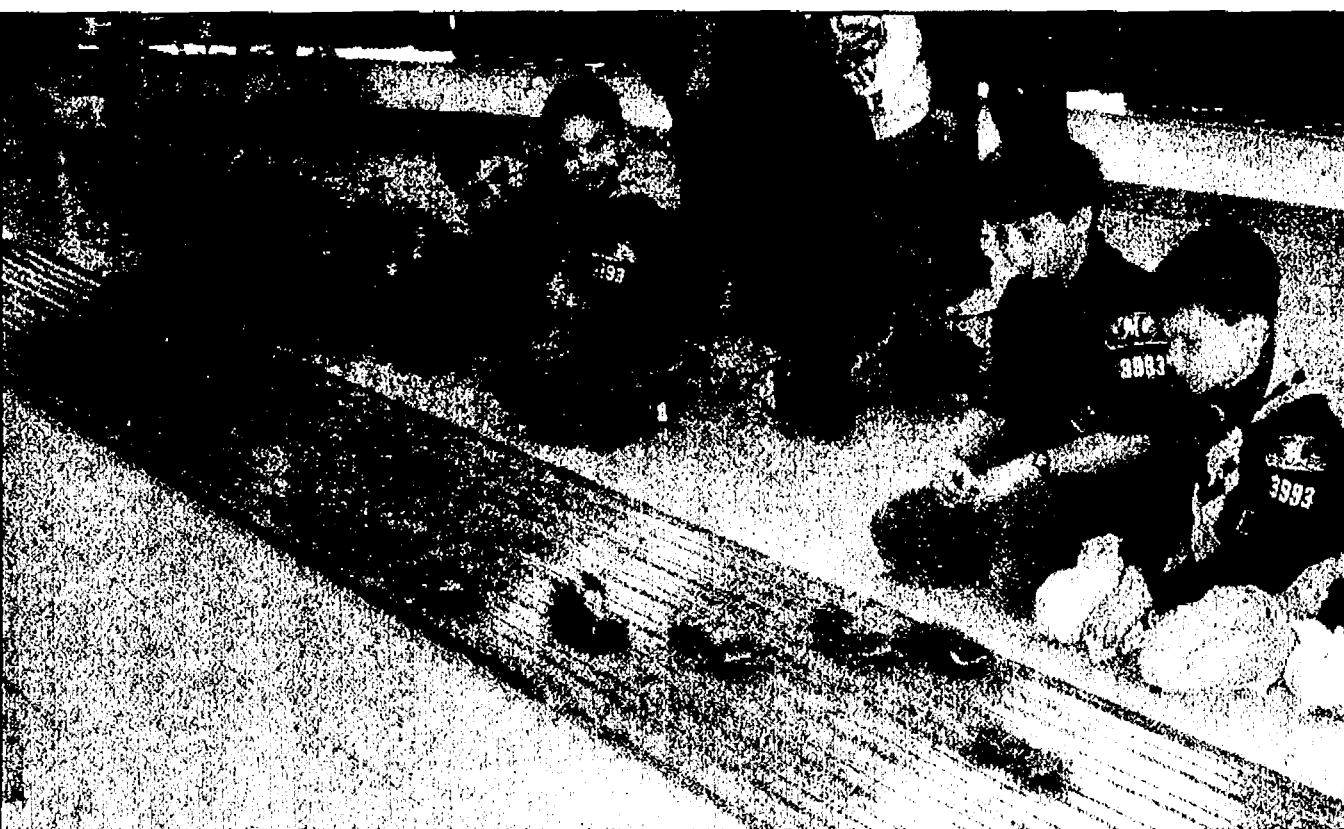
Webelos I-Fourth grade - J.C. Bertram, first place; Devin Smades, second place; Zachary Teal, third place.

Webelos II-Fifth grade - Brandon Lee Schuette, first place; Skyler Moggo, second place; Mason Papendick, third place.

Open Class - April Bertram, first place; Tyler Summer, second place; C.J. Bertram, third place.

Judge's Awards - Lucas Hair,

best design; Noah Shambarger, most unique; Dakota Samsel, most colorful; Thomas Bolick, best Scout car; Joshua Schmidt, best Scout and adult car; Camden Summers, best non-Scout theme; J.C. Bertram, judge's choice.



Cub Scouts look at the Pinewood Derby cars as they race down the track.

Former deputy appears in court for pot charge

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Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Group (STING) officers, supported by Crawford County Deputies last month, arrested 11 suspects, ranging in age from 17 to 50-years-old, with charges ranging from possession to the delivery of pills, cocaine and marijuana. The arrests are the result of a yearlong investigation regarding tips, complaints and surveillance of suspected drug traffickers in Crawford County and the surrounding areas.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said his office has been flooded with calls from the media seeking comments about the arrest of the former police officer. Wakefield said that county residents have also praised him and other officers for dealing with local drug issues.

"It's dirty work, but somebody has to do it," he said. "That's what people have entrusted me to take of, and I take care of

business, no matter what."

The DARE program is currently being taught by Sgt. Randy Herman and Deputy Shawn Schnoor. Wakefield assured the public that there will be no repeat offenses on drug charges for the current deputies under his watch.

"I am extremely confident in the two officers that are teaching DARE now, and this will never happen again under my administration," Wakefield said.

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CHAMBER Chatter

Well, here we are on the verge of spring and all the newness it brings! Your Chamber wishes you well and much success as we enter this busy season!

We are in the midst of our membership drive and we appreciate all the referrals we are getting from our members! If you are not currently a member, please stop by the office located in the Grayling City Park and find out about all the many benefits of belonging to your Chamber!

We have a couple of deadlines quickly approaching on April 1st! If you are interested in being a chef in our annual Men Who Cook event in May, please let us know by April 1st to be included. Also, the Junior Ambassadors program applications are due by April 1st. This program is for high school age kids and will begin meeting late April at the high school.

Tickets for our 8th Annual Men Who Cook will go on sale at the Chamber office on April 1st! They will be \$20 per person and must be purchased in advance to gain entrance into Camp Grayling where the event will be held on Saturday, May 17th from 6-8 p.m.

We are looking for interested participants in 2008-2009 Leadership Crawford County program beginning this September, meeting once a month for an all day session until May, 2009. Class size is limited to 24. For more information or for an application please visit our website at www.graylingchamber.com.

The Natural Resources Committee will have the sale of the land in Crawford County for the purpose of developing a theme park on their agenda April 10th. The Chamber is organizing a trip down to Lansing to show local support for this effort. If anyone is interested in going along, please contact the Chamber for more information.

Community Events..... 3/27— Devereaux Library presents "Getting Money Smart" 3/27— Regional Manufacturers Forum 4/3 - 4/4— Krystal Stars Spring Break Camp 4/5— Fly Tying Workshop at Hartwick Pines

For more information please visit our community calendar of events page on our web site at www.graylingchamber.com

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Kirtland lauded for service learning efforts

Kirtland Community College continues to reap in various honors and accolades for its Service Learning Program.

Last fall, Kirtland was recognized as a model for rural community service learning programs by Campus Compact, a national organization that promotes post-secondary education and civic involvement. Specifically, Campus Compact lauded Kirtland for working to overcome such obstacles as a large rural geographical district, financial constraints, low population densities and fragmented community agencies.

According to KCC's Service Learning coordinator Nicholas Holton, through its federally funded student employment program, Kirtland encourages students to work and become involved in their home communities, while also bringing those experiences back to the classroom to be integrated into the student's academic curriculum.

That honor is just one of at least three the program has received during the 2007-08 academic year. Holton was also awarded a \$1,500 grant from the KCC Foundation to help cover travel expenses at the 2008 Lilly Arctic Institute on Innovations and Excellence in Teaching conference hosted by the University of Alaska Fairbanks on March 5-7.

Holton was invited to give a presentation on "Rural Service Learning: Changing Special Obstacles into Great Opportunities." It's an honor that Holton, a math instructor at Kirtland for the past 11 years, doesn't take lightly.

"It certainly validates the work everyone at Kirtland has been

doing for the last 10 years in Service Learning," said Holton, a resident of the Rose City area. "And it shows we continue to be a model for Service Learning."

And, the most recent honor for Kirtland's Service Learning program came with the announcement that the Corporation for National and Community Service named KCC to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to disadvantaged youth.

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovativeness of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

"Rural colleges face unique challenges in service learning," Holton said. "Kirtland has been able to change those challenges into opportunities for our students."

This is the second time Kirtland has been named to Honor Roll, which is jointly sponsored by the Corporation, through its Learn and Serve America program; and the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, USA Freedom Corps, and the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

Overall, the Community Service Honor Roll awarded six

schools with Presidential Awards. In addition, four schools were recognized as Special Achievement Award winners, 120 as Honor Roll with Distinction members and 391 schools as Honor Roll members. In total, 528 schools were recognized. A full list is available at www.nationalservice.gov/honor-roll.

"There is no question that the universities and colleges who have made an effort to participate and win the Honor Roll award are themselves being rewarded," said American Council on Education president David Ward. "Earning this distinction is not easy. But now each of these schools will be able to wear this award like a badge of honor."

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that administers Senior Corps, AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America, a program that supports service-learning in schools, institutions of higher education and community-based organizations. For more information, go to <http://www.nationalservice.gov>.

Currently, about 2,300 students attend a variety of certificate and two-year degree programs at Kirtland's two campuses — the main campus near Roscommon, and the Michigan Technical Education Center in Gaylord — with the college's service area including all or parts of Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw, Roscommon, Otsego, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Gladwin and Alcona counties, and the surrounding areas.

For more information on Kirtland, visit online at www.kirtland.edu or call 989-275-5000.

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IRS announces economic stimulus payment schedules

The Internal Revenue Service announced that it will begin sending more than 130 million economic stimulus payments starting May 2. The initial round of weekly payments will be completed by early July.

The IRS also announced the availability of a new online calculator on IRS.gov to help people determine the amount of their stimulus payment.

Stimulus payments will be made by direct deposit to people who choose to receive their 2007 income tax refunds through direct deposit. All others will receive their economic stimulus payments in the form of a paper check.

"To receive an economic stimulus payment, people just need to file their tax returns as they usually do," said IRS Acting Commissioner Linda E. Stiff. "The payments will be automatic for the vast majority of taxpayers. Some lower-income workers, and recipients of certain Social Security and veterans benefits who don't normally need to file a tax return, will need to do so in order to receive a stimulus payment. IRS.gov has all the information people need to help them obtain a stimulus payment."

Stimulus payments will be sent out in the order of the last two digits of the Social Security number used on the tax return.

Because the IRS will use the Social Security number to determine when checks are mailed, taxpayers may receive their checks at different times than their neighbors or other family members. On a jointly filed return, the first Social Security number listed will determine the mail-out time.

The IRS expects to make about 34 million payments within the first three weeks after the payment schedule begins May 2. With more than 130 million households expected to receive stimulus payments, more than 25 percent of the payments will be made in the first three weeks.

Taxpayers who choose direct deposit on their federal income tax can expect to receive their stimulus payments between May 2 and May 16, provided their returns were received and processed by April 15, 2008. For taxpayers who did not choose direct deposit on

Stimulus Payment Schedule for Tax Returns Received and Processed by April 15

Direct Deposit Payments

If the last two digits of your Social Security number are:

00-20
21-75
76-99

Economic stimulus payment deposit should be sent to your bank account by:

May 2
May 9
May 16

Paper Check

If the last two digits of your Social Security number are:

00-29
10-18
19-25
26-38
39-51
52-63
64-75
76-87
88-99

Your check should be in the mail by:

May 16
May 23
May 30
June 6
June 13
June 20
June 27
July 4
July 11

their tax return, but whose returns were processed by April 15, the paper checks will be in the mail starting May 16, with the initial mailings completed by around July 11.

The IRS also announced the availability of an online calculator on IRS.gov to help taxpayers determine if they are eligible to receive an economic stimulus payment and, if they are, how much they can expect. Anyone who prepared a 2007 income tax return can use the calculator. It will ask taxpayers a series of questions, so they should have their 2007 income tax returns handy. After answering the questions, the calculator will provide the projected dollar value of the payment.

A small percentage of tax returns will require additional time to process and to compute a stimulus payment amount. For these returns, stimulus payments may not be issued in accordance with the schedule above, even if the tax return was processed by April 15.

All or part of an economic stimulus payment may be applied to back taxes or certain other debts of the taxpayer, such as delinquent child support and student loans. In such cases, the IRS will send a letter to the taxpayer explaining the offset.

To accommodate people whose tax returns are processed after April 15, the IRS will continue

sending weekly payments. People who file tax returns after April 15 and receive a refund can expect to receive their economic stimulus payments in about two weeks after receiving their tax refunds, but not before the date they would have received their payment, if the return had been processed by April 15. To ensure taxpayers receive their stimulus payment this year, they must file a tax return by Oct. 15.

Two bureaus of the Treasury Department are involved in making the payments. The IRS will calculate the amount of each economic stimulus payment based on the tax year 2007 income tax returns it receives. The IRS will then forward the information to Financial Management Service (FMS), which is the bureau of the Treasury Department that makes federal payments such as Social Security benefits, federal income tax refunds and, now, economic stimulus payments.

The IRS reminds taxpayers that they can get their stimulus payments faster by using direct deposit when they file their tax returns.

In addition, the IRS urges taxpayers to file electronically. For people who normally don't need to file a tax return, the IRS and Free File Alliance have a special program set up to allow for free electronic filing.

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Photographer opens studio in Grayling

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Grayling photographer, who specializes in taking outdoor and wedding photos, opened for business in downtown Grayling earlier this month.

Jennie Hubbard opened Loreen's Photography at 109 Ottawa St., Suite A, in the former Jansen Plumbing and Heating building on March 6.

The name for the business was inspired by Hubbard's grandmother, Joanne Seavy, and her great-grandmother, who she called Grandma Da, who both had the middle name Loreen. Hubbard's middle name is also Loreen.

Along with her mother, Bethany Hubbard, Hubbard said her family has always supported her in her photography and artistic pursuits.

"They always believed in me, always supported me and said I could do anything I wanted to if I put my mind to it," Hubbard said. "They were incredible."

Hubbard's family moved to the community from Highland in 1995, and she started first grade at the Grayling Elementary School. She became interested in photography as a child. While attending Grayling High School (GHS), she enrolled in the visual imaging program at Kirtland Community College, taking classes in fine art photography and graphic design.

After graduating from GHS in 2002, Hubbard went on to earn a pair of associate's degrees in fine arts and computer graphics from Kirtland.

Hubbard had intended to further her art schooling at the Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids, but an injury, which caused nerve damage in her right arm, forced her to change her plans, because she could no longer do charcoal and graphite drawings.

"The injury kind of woke me up and helped me decide what I wanted to do for the rest of my



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Jennie Hubbard opened Loreen's Photography at 109 Ottawa St., Suite A, in the former Jansen Plumbing and Heating building on March 6. Above, Hubbard takes her turn in front of the camera in her studio.

life," she said.

Hubbard started taking outdoor photos of families, children and seniors, and also began shooting weddings, receiving assignments by word of mouth. Her favorite places to shoot pictures are in Irons Park, in West Branch, and Rayburn's Estate in Crawford County. She also plans to utilize the Grayling City Park more when the landscaping is completed this year.

"One of my greatest joys is going outdoors to take pictures," she said.

Hubbard loves taking photos at weddings, capturing special memories for couples and families that they will enjoy and look back on throughout their lives.

"To me, weddings are quite magical," she said.

Hubbard specializes in taking portraits of families, children, infants, seniors, expecting mothers and pets in her studio. Last weekend, Hubbard took photos of youngsters with a live Easter bunny.

"I'm really excited about building lasting relationships

with my customers and clients," she said.

Hubbard shares the former Jansen Plumbing and Heating building with Luther Clyburn, the owner of Luther's Barbershop. She is leasing the space from Linda and Jeffrey Nickert, who purchased the building last year, and are working to open another business there in the coming months.

"We wish Jennie good luck and a good future, and hope we can continue to help revitalize downtown Grayling," Linda Nickert said.

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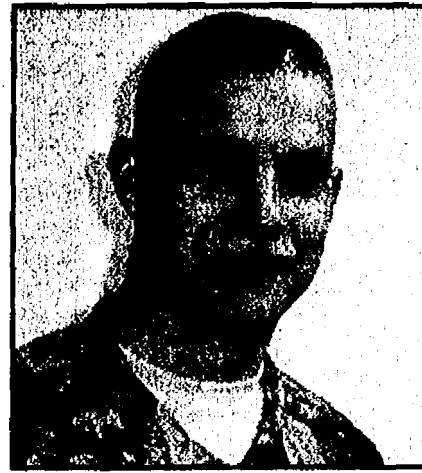
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MILITARY NEWS



David A. Bobenmoyer

Master Sergeant David A. Bobenmoyer, of Grayling and a graduate of Grayling High School, was awarded the Michigan Distinguished Service Medal. There was a ceremony at Camp Grayling held by Colonel Dean W. Brown, Camp Grayling post commander.

Bobenmoyer's citation reads: Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, this is to certify that the Adjutant General of Michigan has awarded the Distinguished Service Medal to Master Sergeant David A. Bobenmoyer, Joint Forces Headquarters, for outstanding meritorious service to the U.S. Army and all National Guard units training at Camp Grayling during the period Nov. 1, 1997, through Sept. 30, 2007. His exemplary leadership skills were demonstrated while coordinating medical support with Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC, and numerous outside agencies, in support of the Camp Grayling Troop Medical Clinic. His untiring devotion to duty insured all aspects of medical support were available during annual training rotations. Master Sergeant Bobenmoyer's concern for insuring that the best medical care



Stephen W. Schmoock

was available to all who were training on the installation brings great credit upon himself, Camp Grayling JMTC, the Michigan Army National Guard and the United States Army. Signed by Maj. Gen. Thomas C. Cutler, The Adjutant General of Michigan.

Bobenmoyer resides in Grayling with his wife, Julia, and daughters Jessica and Nicole.

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The Bronze Star Medal was awarded to MSG. Stephen W. Schmoock for exceptionally meritorious service while assigned to Multi-National Corps - Iraq, Provost Marshal office, as the JOC Operations NCOIC from July 27, 2007, to April 17, 2008, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. MSG. Schmoock's exemplary leadership, tireless dedication and outstanding performance of duty, resulted in exceptional improvement to all aspects of military police across corps and successful mission accomplishment. His actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Multi-National Corps - Iraq and the United States Army.

HONORS

Kirtland Community College

Community College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges, recently inducted 34 new members into its ranks during a candlelit ceremony, in the Student Center on the college's main campus, on Friday, March 14.

The ceremony, honoring the chapter's new members for the 2008 winter semester, also recognized the 19 KCC students who were inducted during the fall 2007 semester.

To be eligible for membership in Phi Theta Kappa, a student must have completed at least 12 hours of course work toward an associate's degree and earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average. Students must also maintain a high academic standing throughout their enrollment while attending a two-year college.

Winter 2008 semester inductees include: Aaron Lovell of Grayling; Barbara Counsil and Heather Redman, both of Frederic; LaLonn Kopfman of South Branch and LeAnne Auman, Aaron Bullen, Michael Carter, Jr., and Heather Krey, all of Roscommon.

Fall 2007 semester inductees include: Rhonda Fetters and Darlene Stamper, both of Grayling; Marsha Brown of Frederic; and Terry Barioni of Roscommon.

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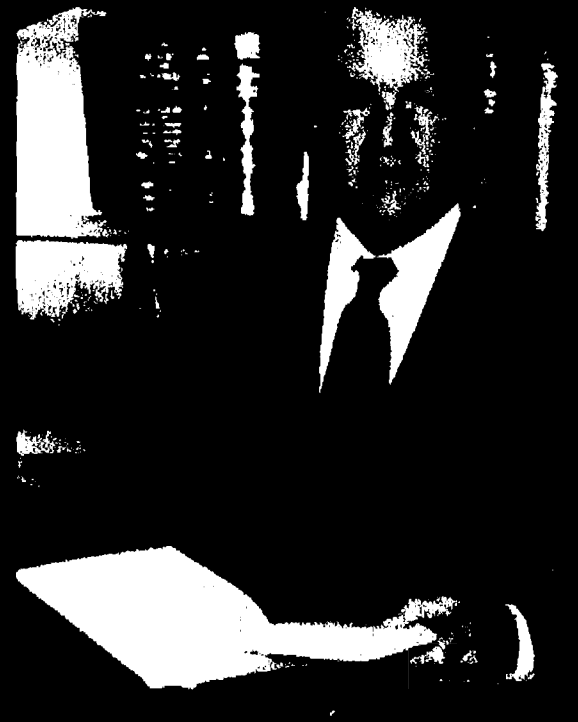


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GMS names students of the month



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Michigan's tourism industry confronts weak economy, high gas prices

by Whitney Lloyd
Capital News Service

Hopping in the family Oldsmobile and heading toward the Great Lakes on a hot, sticky summer day used to be about as "Michigan" as it could get. So much so that 70 percent of Michigan tourists historically have been state residents exploring their own back-yard and pumping \$18 billion into the state's annual economy.

That was then. This is now. With Michigan topping unemployment charts and home foreclosure lists, and gas expected to hit \$4 a gallon this summer, vacations have become expendable luxuries for many residents - but they remain vital to the state's ailing economy.

That might not be a bad thing, some tourism industry experts say.

People don't like to give up their vacations - especially when they could use a distraction from economic concerns. But, to Michigan's benefit, those money troubles might keep them a little closer to home, said Dave Lorenz of Travel Michigan - the state's official tourism promotion agency.

"Vacations are an opportunity to reconnect, so they're just too important to Michigan families to give up," Lorenz said. "In a quirky way, high gas prices and the economy might help the tourism industry because the trips families do take will be close to home and they'll be spending their money here, rather than driving to Yellowstone."

Industry insiders expect the state's southern attractions to be major beneficiaries.

"I think this year's big winner is Detroit with its new casinos and development. It's the closest to Michigan's biggest population center of 4 million people in metro Detroit," Lorenz said.

Renee Monforton, of the Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau, is banking on "backyard explorers" and focusing on attracting out-of-state visitors with a \$700,000 ad campaign in Ohio that pokes fun at metro Detroit.

Despite the self-deprecating ads, Monforton said, "If people haven't been to Detroit in the last six or seven years, they really haven't been to Detroit. We have a new riverfront, festivals, parks, three new casinos, 800 new hotel rooms with more on the way."

And Lorenz expects southwestern Michigan to be the next biggest beneficiary of the tight economy.

"Southwestern Michigan is close to Chicago, so it not only has the proximity to a large population center that will be vital to success this year, but it also has great wineries, art, restaurants and hotels," he said.

Tourism is the No. 1 industry in the area and has been booming in recent years, thanks to visitors from Chicago, Indianapolis and across the Midwest, said Millicent Huminsky, executive director of the Southwestern Michigan Tourism Council based in Benton Harbor.

Even though Detroit and southwestern Michigan are close to the state's population centers, the economy has propelled them to focus most of their marketing efforts on neighboring states - a move tourism organizations across the state hope isn't perceived as shortsighted by would-be Michigan tourists.

"We aren't giving up on Michigan, but we have to fish where the fish are, so to speak," said Brad Van Dommelen, president of the Traverse City Convention and Visitors Bureau, which is spending 56 percent of its advertising budget out of state.

Van Dommelen said he hopes that high gas prices drive Michigan residents - eager to get out after a long, hard winter - to take shorter, more affordable trips to Traverse City, which depends on tourism to pump \$1 billion into its economy each year and provide 14,000 jobs.

But Michigan's economy might already be too shaky for many to afford those short trips.

"The poor economy is far more important than gas prices," said Don Holecek of Michigan State University's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, who has been forecasting Michigan travel outlooks for 23 years. "Tourism really depends on disposable income,

so the overall economy is what is going to matter, with gas prices being an almost marginal issue."

The downward slide of the economy has meant a mass exodus of typical travelers - young, educated, active individuals with disposable incomes - from the state, Holecek said.

Combined with high gas prices, traditional outdoorsy destinations, such as the Upper Peninsula - far from the state's population centers - could be facing a difficult year, he said.

"With young people leaving the state, there is an older Michigan population, and with that comes a diminished interest in outdoor recreation. That plays against the U.P.'s strengths."

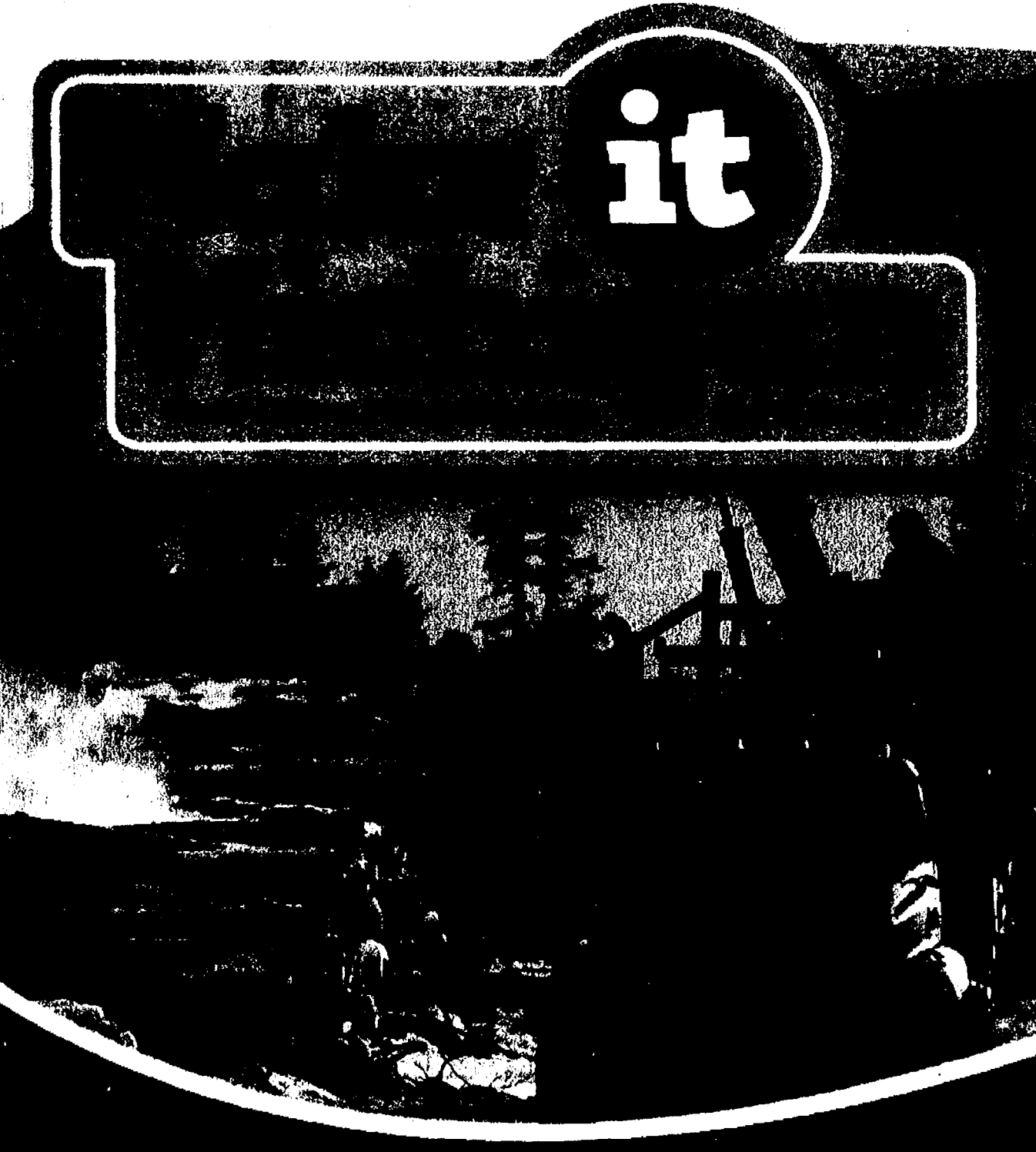
Much like the rest of the state, the U.P. Travel and Recreation Association hopes to offset that problem by attracting out-of-state visitors and has spent half its advertising dollars on billboards, print and electronic ads in the Great Lakes region, said Tom Nemacheck, executive director of the association based in Iron Mountain.

"We built our industry on the backs of people who hopped in the family car and came up north for a week or two, but now it's a struggle to get people to cross the Bridge," he said, referring to the Mackinac Bridge. "It's incredible how fast the economy in Lower Michigan has affected tourism in the U.P."

"I believe we'll have a good summer if we're more successful at pulling people in from out of state and if we have good weather," Nemacheck said.

Those are big "ifs," but Lorenz said the marketing efforts of regional tourism associations, and the "Pure Michigan" ad campaign run by Travel Michigan, might deliver.

"I might be the only person this confident, but I think we'll see a 2 to 3 percent jump in expenditures and overnight visits. Yes, we're very reliant on in-state visitors, but the ad campaigns are good at luring people here."



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BUSINESS NEWS

Sally Noeske
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Noeske resides in Grayling with her husband Bill and is involved in many local causes.

They have two adult children and three grandchildren.

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Track teams run inside, outside to prepare for upcoming season

First meet for boys, girls track squads set for April 11

■ *Varsity boys track team has a new coach, solid overall numbers with more than 25*

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's boys track team has a new coach this year — Matt Collins, a former

college track and field athlete — and solid overall numbers with more than 25 competitors.

"There's around 27 guys that came out — a couple late comers, so we're in the high 20s. Real good turnout this year," Coach Collins said.

The team started its official practices for the upcoming

spring season on Monday, March 10. The Vikings have been running both inside and outside while waiting for the snow to melt on the GHS track.

"The distance runners have been outside every day," Coach Collins said last Wednesday.

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See "BOYS TRACK..."

■ *Last year's state qualifier relay teams have three out of four girls back in 2008*

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The GHS varsity girls track team — a group that has 17 athletes this year — has been get-

ting in shape by running through the halls at Grayling High School, due to unfavorable weather conditions outside.

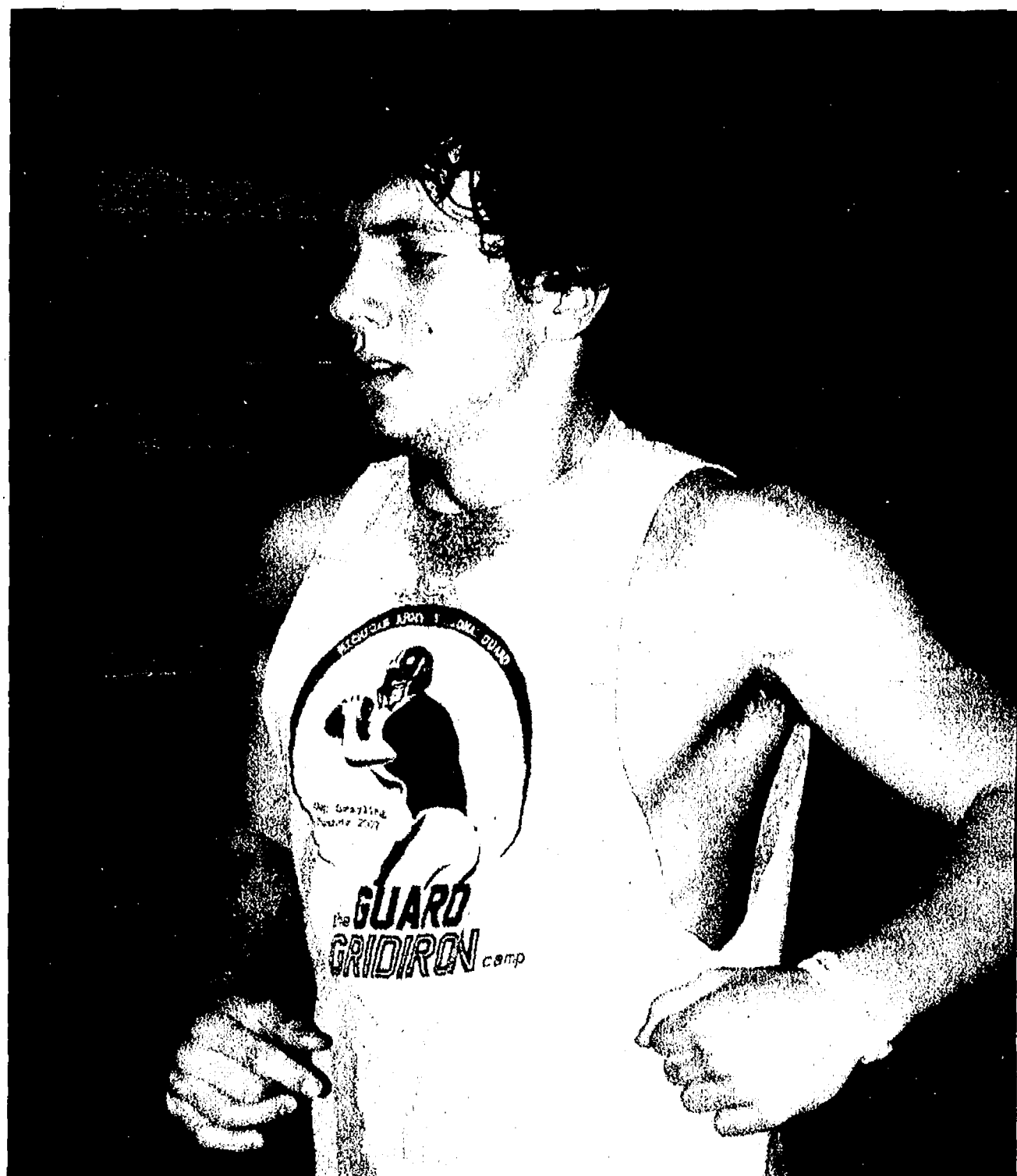
"Practice has been going pretty well, considering the weather. We're waiting for the snow to melt to get outside," said Tim Gariglio, who is in his

third year as coach of the team.

Spring sports teams started their official practices for the 2008 season on Monday, March 10. Coach Gariglio said his squad was only able to get outside for one practice during the first week of workouts.

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See "GIRLS TRACK..."



Dustin Russo, one of the squad's sprinters, jogs in the GHS gymnasium during varsity boys track practice last Wednesday.



Brianna Datton, left, and Richelle Grosskopf, right, run a sprint during last Wednesday's practice inside the halls of GHS.



William Fowler, a long distance runner for the track team, runs at practice on Wednesday.



Rachel Doremire, one of the team's long distance runners, jogs through the hallways at Grayling High School last week.

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| Leaves Grayling | 7:00 a.m. | Leaves Grayling | 11:00 a.m. |
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| Leaves Grayling | 1:30 p.m. | Leaves Grayling | 4:30 p.m. |
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*The 1:00 p.m. south run does not go all the way into Roscommon.

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Information regarding this medical transportation service can be obtained by contacting Julie Dean @ 348-8215

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Scheduled For April 2008

Trip #1
Thursday, April 8, 2008
Odawa Casino
Departing at 8:30 am.
Approximate arrival - Grayling 4:00 pm.

Trip #2
Thursday, April 28, 2008
"Out to Lunch Gang"-Grayling
Lunch at Flying Fish Lodge

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 Contact Andrea @ 348-7123 to reserve a seat

*Special event trips require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

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Annie Melroy, left, and Brianna Kirk, right, run sprints in the hallways at Grayling High School during track practice last Wednesday. Melroy and Kirk will compete in sprint events for the Vikings this year.

Girls track team prepares for upcoming season

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"The weather was nice enough to get out there," he said.

This year's squad includes four discus and shot put throwers: Laura Boylan, a junior; Molly Coe, a freshman; Heaven Bergman, a junior; and Becky Hohl, a junior.

The group has four distance runners: Rachel Doremire, a senior; Kristi Calkins, a senior; Jenae Shellenbarger, a junior; and Sierra Williamson, a sophomore.

The team's sprinters include: senior Annie Melroy, senior Rachel Ward, senior Jamie Hagerman, junior Hailey McMahon, sophomore Brianna Kirk, freshman Haley Wiseman, freshman Brianna Datton, freshman Richelle Grosskopf, and sophomore Chynna Williamson.

Last year's team qualified for the state finals in the 400-meter relay and the 800-meter relay. Both relay groups have three out of four members returning in

2008. Melroy, Hagerman, and McMahon ran the 400-meter relay last year, and Ward, Hagerman, and McMahon competed in the 800-meter relay.

Gariglio said he hopes his relay teams will benefit from their experience last year and compete for a state championship this year.

"Overall, it's a very athletic class," Coach Gariglio said.

The Vikings will not host any track meets this year due to deterioration of the track's surface at the Grayling High School facility. GHS will be replacing its track surface this summer, and the Vikings will host the Grayling Invitational in 2009, according to Tim Sanchez, Crawford AuSable School District Athletic Director.

In 2008, the track team will open its season with a meet at Ogemaw on Friday, April 11. The Vikings will compete in a league meet at East Jordan on Monday, April 14.



Chynna Williamson, left, a sprinter for the Vikings this year, and Sierra Williamson, right, a long distance runner for GHS, run at practice on Wednesday, March 19.



Rachel Ward, left, and Jamie Hagerman, right, finish a sprint during last Wednesday's track practice at GHS.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League
 Woody Girls 35.5 - 16.5
 American Legion 31 - 21
 Grayling Nurs.Center 28 - 24
 GMH-NCC 27 - 25
 Days Inn 25 - 27
 Robin L. Smith CPA. 23.5 - 28.5
 T & T Fishing 23 - 29
 Glen's Market 15 - 37
 High Series: S. Harney, 527; L. Seibert, 522; R. Collen, 517.
 High Game: S. Johnson, 201; L. Seibert, 192; S. Harney, 188.
Thursday Morning Coffee
 Ladybugs 27 - 13
 K.I.P. 25.5 - 14.5
 Casino Bums 20.5 - 19.5
 R.E.M. 19 - 21
 Chatty Three 19 - 21
 Snow Tops 19 - 21
 Bill's Harlem 16 - 24
 Goofballs 14 - 26
 High Series Men: E. Broskey, 562; K. Harris, 521; B. Brown, 512.
 High Game Men: E. Broskey, 224; K. Harris, 203; B. Brown, 197.
 High Series

Women: K. Moshier, 556; H. Stairs, 490; N. Glasslee, 473.
 High Game Women: K. Moshier, 194; H. Stairs, 184; N. Glasslee, 177.
Friday Mixed Doubles
 L & L Hauling 63 - 35
 Bucket Brigade 57 - 41
 Last Call 56 - 42
 Miller Spillers 51 - 47
 MMR 49 - 49
 Great Lakes Roofing 45 - 53
 American Legion 36 - 62
 Forget About It 35 - 63
 High Series Men: P. Benardo, 662; J. Lehman, 607; D. Williamson, 595.
 High Game Men: P. Benardo, 242; J. Lehman, 225; D. Canfield, 214.
 High Series Women: K. Moshier, 509; S. Johnson, 487; M. Moshier, 486.
 High Game Women: S. Johnson, 202; J. Williamson, 190; C. Moore, 180.
American Men's League
 McLean's Ace 20 - 8
 Dragon Repair 18 - 10

West Side Diner 15 - 13
 Fenton's Auto Serv. 14 - 14
 GADCO 13 - 15
 Derwich Ind 11 - 17
 Otsego Lake Service 11 - 17
 Moore's Auto 10 - 18
 High Series: Lance Davis, 736; B. Gulick, 662; T. Kotrash, 632.
 High Game: Lance Davis, 300; T. Kotrash, 249; B. Gulick, 247.
Pioneer League
 Grayling Rest 28 - 8
 McDonald's 20 - 16
 Eagles Nest Sports 19 - 17
 "5" B's 19 - 17
 T.C. Lawncare 18 - 18
 Johnson Const 17 - 19
 Spicy Bob's 13 - 23
 Tim's Collision 10 - 26
 High Series: B. LaMotte, 549; C. Clark, 527; C. Wyatt, 513.
 High Game: M. Kroell, 210; A. Nygard, 203; B. LaMotte, 196.
Senior Bowling
 Grayling Pharmacy 28 - 16
 Flowers By Josie 28 - 16
 Gaylord Electric 28 - 16

Kicking Grass 26 - 18
 Sylvester's Sports 19 - 25
 Bear's Den Pizza 17 - 27
 Spike's 16 - 28
 Lone Pine 14 - 30
 High Series Men: P. Faustman, 589; D. Williamson, 564; B. Hollis, 498.
 High Game Men: P. Faustman, 232; D. Williamson, 200; J. Hipchen, 187.
 High Series Women: C. Clark, 537; M. Rysso, 512; P. Harris, 482.
 High Game Women: J. Brown, 190; C. Clark, 181; P. Harris, 179.
National First
 Pittman Bld. 58 - 26
 Legion Lanes 51 - 33
 Corky's Karaoke 43 - 41
 Upper Lakes 42 - 42
 Spike's 41 - 43
 Continental Rental 39 - 45
 Medicine Shoppe 35 - 49
 Faustman Insurance 27 - 57
 High Series: J. Hunt, 681; C. Brill, 677; D. Canfield, Sr., 635.
 High Game: S. Pittman, 258; J. Hunt, 247; C. Brill, 242.

LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CRAWFORD COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

Case No. 08-7377-NC
 In the matter of BENJAMIN CARL DAVISON.
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. at Crawford County Probate Court, before Hon. Monte J. Burnmeister P48732, for the following purpose:
 Petition to Change Name
 3/11/08
 Benjamin Carl Davison
 111 Dale St.
 Grayling, MI 49738
 989-348-8548
 -20-27-3

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Amy Jean Leonard, a married person to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for EquiFirst Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 24, 2006 and recorded November 9, 2006 in Liber 684 Page 107 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006 EQ2 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-EQ2, in which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Two Dollars and Ninety-Three Cents (\$87,402.93) including interest 8.65% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on April 16, 2008. Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Southeast one-quarter of Lot 10 Block 10, Original Plat of the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the recorded plat thereof. Also described as: Part of Lot 10, Block 10, of Original Plat of the Village (now City) of Grayling, described as: Commencing at the Southerly corner of said Lot 11; thence North 45 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 120.79 feet along the Southwesterly line of said Lot 11 to the Point of Beginning at the Southerly corner of said Lot 10; thence continuing North 45 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 24.00 feet thence North 44 degrees 57 minutes 29 seconds East 58.11 feet; thence South 49 degrees 43 minutes 28 seconds East 24.08 feet to the Northerly corner of said Lot 11; thence South 44 degrees 57 minutes 29 seconds West 60.08 feet along the line between said Lots 10 and 11 to the Point of Beginning. AND Lot 11 Block 10 of Original Plat of the Village (now City) of Grayling as recorded in Crawford County Records. Commonly known as 403 Michigan Avenue, Grayling MI 49738 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241(a), whichever is later. Dated: MARCH 7, 2008 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006 EQ2 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-EQ2, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No. 08-88849 ASAP# 2709378 03/13/2008, 03/20/2008, 03/27/2008, 04/03/2008
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 9, 2008.

Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a point 66 feet North and 33 feet East of the South one-eighth post between Sections 7 and 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West; and running thence East 120 feet, thence North 60 feet, thence West 120 feet, thence South 60 feet to the place of beginning. Being a part of the Northwest one-quarter of Southwest one-quarter of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, lying within the boundary of the City of Grayling.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: March 6, 2008
 Orlans Associates, P.C.
 Attorneys for Servicer
 P.O. Box 5041
 Troy, MI 48007-5041
 (248) 457-1000 File No. 306.0858
 -6-13-20-27

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Douglas R. White and Vickie White, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 25, 2006 and recorded May 11, 2006 in Liber 681, Page 457, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Four and 51/100 Dollars (\$99,964.51) including interest at 8.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 16, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North three-quarters of the South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 23, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, lying East of the M.C.R.R. Right-of-Way. Being the same property conveyed to Douglas R. White and Vickie White, husband and wife by Deed dated 10-7-04 and recorded 10-7-04 in Deed Book 671, Page 859, in the Office of the Recorder of Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: March 13, 2008
 Orlans Associates, P.C.
 Attorneys for Servicer
 P.O. Box 5041
 Troy, MI 48007-5041
 (248) 457-1000 File No. 199.4677
 -13-20-27-3

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Crawford County Road Commission

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, April 3rd, 2008, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing season requirements of the following materials and/or items:

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on April 30, 2008

Said premises are situated in Crawford County, Michigan and described as:

THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 7, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST.
 -27-3-10-17

MORTGAGE SALE

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Under the power of sale contained in

said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, MI, at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 30, 2008.

Said premises are situated in the Twp of Grayling, CRAWFORD County, Michigan and are described as:

LOTS 31, 32, 33 AND 34 PINE POINT PLAT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 38, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS AND

LOT 35 PINE POINT PLAT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THERE, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 38, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS
 PP: 040-45-700-00-031-00
 PP: 040-45-700-00-035-00

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: MARCH 27, 2008

ATTORNEY FOR: BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC

Herold and Associates, PLC
 P.O. Box 47
 Walled Lake, MI 48390-0047
 -27-3-10-17-24

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by AARON S. BLAINE a/k/a AARON BLAINE and JOANNE D. BLAINE, husband and wife, Mortgagees, to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Mortgagee, dated February 8, 2007, and recorded February 9, 2007, in Liber 685, Page 252, of Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand One Hundred Nine and 74/100 Dollars (\$28,109.74), including interest at 13.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby

given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Description No. 5: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, thence West 370 feet to the place of beginning, thence North 328.4 feet, thence West 185 feet, thence South 328.4 feet, thence East 185 feet to the place of beginning.

Description No. 6: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, thence West 185 feet to the place of beginning, thence North 328.4 feet, thence West 185 feet, thence South 328.4 feet, thence East 185 feet to the place of beginning.

Description No. 7: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, thence North along the East line 328.4 feet, thence West 185 feet, thence South 328.4 feet, thence East 185 feet to the place of beginning.

Together with the right of access across adjoining land from the West, along the South side of subject properties, for ingress and egress from Kolka Creek Road into above described properties, and as identified in Easement of Property recorded in Liber 685, Page 30, Crawford County Records.

Commonly known as Vacant Land N. Kolka Creek Rd., Frederic, MI 49733
 Tax ID: 031-023-011-200-00, 031-023-011-220-00, 031-023-011-240-00

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days.

Dated: March 17, 2008

First National Bank of America
 Mortgage
 By: Randall T. LeVasseur P41712
 LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC
 Attorneys for Mortgagee
 P.O. Box 721400
 Berkeley, MI 48072
 (248) 586-1200
 -27-3-10-17

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION MAY 6, 2008 ANNUAL ELECTION CRAWFORD AUSAABLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO THE ELECTORS OF CRAWFORD AUSAABLE SCHOOLS

Please Take Notice that the Annual Election of the Crawford AuSable School District will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2008.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the Crawford County public school elections will be held to elect one (1) 4 year term school board member and one (1) partial 2 year term member.

A FULL TEXT OF THE BALLOT MY BE OBTAINED AT THE CRAWFORD COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE BETWEEN 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE MAY 6, ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IS MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5:00 P.M. IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county clerk, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerk's offices are open for registration:

Sandra Moore - Crawford County Clerk 344-3200
 Sharon K. Hartman - Beaver Creek Township Clerk 275-8878
 Nancy Blindachatel - Frederic Township Clerk 348-8778
 Monica S. Ashton - Grayling Township Clerk 348-4361
 Cheryl Hopp - Lovells Township Clerk 348-9215
 Sandra Baynham - Maple Forest Township Clerk 348-5794
 Lynn George - South Branch Township Clerk 275-8232
 Michele Moshier - Grayling City Clerk 348-2131
 Carol Rosenberg - Bear Lake Township Clerk 231-258-4871
 Lorraine Markovich - Otsego Lake Township Clerk 732-6929

Sandra Moore, County Clerk And
 Crawford AuSable School Election Coordinator

LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Debra J. Reynolds, a/k/a Debra Jean Reynolds, a single woman, mortgagor, to Independent Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated January 9, 2006, and was recorded on March 10, 2006, in Liber 680, page 146, of the Crawford County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$32,114.22, including interest at 9.50% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, Michigan and is described as:

Land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at a point on the South section line of Section 32, T25N, R1W, and being 1091.00 feet West of the South 1/4 post of said Section 32, thence N 86°40' W, 200.00 feet along the South section line; thence N 00°51'30" W, 149.00 feet (recorded) 179.1 feet (measured) along a line parallel to the North-South 1/4 line to the Southerly Right-of-Way line of Highway M-144 (now M-18); thence Northwesterly 210.46 feet (recorded) Northeasterly 208.6 feet (measured) along said Right-of-Way line; thence S 00°51'30" E, 254.60 feet (recorded) 254.5 feet (measured) along a line parallel to the North-South 1/4 line to the place of beginning, being part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 32.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.

Dated: March 13, 2008
By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Bank, Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707
(989) 892-4574

-20-27-3-10

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brandin Duryea a single

man and Melody Weaver a single woman, as joint tenants, original mortgagor(s), to Gregory L. Webster and Lorraine K. Webster, husband and wife, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 9th 2001 recorded April 12, 2001 in Liber 553, Page 381 through 383, Crawford County Records Michigan, and subsequently assigned to Covenant Capital, Inc., dated March 9, 2001, and recorded April 12, 2001 in Liber 533, Page 384, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty Eight Thousand Four hundred Eighty Four Dollars and Forty Cents (\$38,484.40). Including interest of 11% per Annum, Fees and Costs.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding, the 46th Circuit Court Lobby within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 9th, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 03 of Plats Page 34, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 4, 2008

Brian J. Hoffman (P60149)
Attorney for Covenant Capital, INC.
49 N. Morey Rd.
P.O. Box 529
Lake City, Michigan 49651

-13-20-27-3

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Vivian Balmes and Gerald Balmes, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated November 18, 2004, and recorded on December 15, 2004 in Liber 672 on Page 911, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand One Hundred Nineteen And 88/100 Dollars (\$121,119.88), including interest at 6.44% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 16, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being Lot Number 31 and Lot Number 32, in Skyline Heights, as shown in the recorded plat/map thereof in Liber 3, Page 32 of Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless deter-

mined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 13, 2008
For more information, please call: FC L 248.593.1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #192542F01

-13-20-27-3

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph H. Balagna and Christina Balagna, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 29, 2006, and recorded on July 31, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 593, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Fourteen And 67/100 Dollars (\$64,014.67), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 16, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 68 of AuSable Woods No. 3, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 3, Page 9, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 13, 2008
For more information, please call: FC C 248.593.1301
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Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #191437F01

-13-20-27-3

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be

rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Elizabeth Wallace, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 9, 2004, and recorded on June 11, 2004 in Liber 668 on Page 982, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Nine And 45/100 Dollars (\$93,229.45), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 23, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 32, Grayling Manor, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 20, 2008
For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #193015F01

-20-27-3-10

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Boyd St Clair and Claudia Faust St Clair, husband and wife, joint tenancy with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 22, 2005, and recorded on November 30, 2005 in Liber 678 on Page 732, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to EverHome Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-One And 46/100 Dollars (\$46,471.46), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place

of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 9, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 567 feet East and 380 feet North of the South 1/8 post between Sections 7 and 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West; thence North 52 feet; thence East 158 feet; thence South 52 feet; thence West 158 feet to Place of Beginning. Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 6, 2008
For more information, please call: FC R 248.593.1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #190885F01

-6-13-20-27

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Laura Hoppe, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to First Franklin a division of Nat. City Bank of IN, Mortgagee, dated October 13, 2005, and recorded on October 17, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 916, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-FF1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-FF1 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Three And 43/100 Dollars (\$103,743.43), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 30, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 165, Ausable Woods No. 5, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 45, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 27, 2008
For more information, please call: FC G 248.593.1310
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #194436F01

-27-3-10-17

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by LLOYD BERRY SR. as Mortgagor, to NORTHLAND AREA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, as Mortgagee, which mortgage is dated June 6, 2006, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on June 29, 2006, in Liber 682 at Page 176, and upon which Mortgage is claimed be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$49,995.38, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the Statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 10 a.m., at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 West Michigan in the City of Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 6.490 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of sale said which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows:

Property situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan described as follows: Lot 111 Grayling Mobile Estates #3, according to the plat thereof as recorded in the Liber 3 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

Subject to restrictions, reservations, easement, covenants, oil, gas or mineral rights of record, if any.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: March 12, 2008
Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)
Attorney for Mortgagee
903 N. Jackson Street
Bay City, MI 48708
(989) 893-9511

-27-3-10-17

City of Grayling PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Grayling's Planning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing to receive public comment on a proposed Master Plan for the City.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 in the Council Chambers at Grayling City Hall, 1020 City Boulevard. All interested parties may attend said Public Hearing and/or submit written comments by April 11, 2008 to the Grayling City Planning Commission, c/o City Clerk, 1020 City Boulevard, P.O. Box 549, Grayling, MI 49738. A copy of the Master Plan is on file in the City Clerk's office for public review.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact The Grayling City Office at 989-348-2131 seven days prior to the meeting.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

GRAYLING CHARTER TOWNSHIP 2008-09 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

The Grayling Charter Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 31, 2008, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (W M-72 Hwy), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the 2008-09 Fiscal Year Budgets for the General Fund, Township Improvement Fund and Liquor Law Enforcement Fund.

Copies of the proposed budgets will be available at the Grayling Township Hall, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738.

A Special Meeting of the Grayling Township Board will be called to order immediately following the Budget Hearing for the purpose of presenting for adoption the 2008-09 Budgets, amendment resolution for Fiscal Year 2007-08, payment of miscellaneous bills prior to fiscal year end and any other matters which may legally be brought before the Board.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Charter Township Clerk

Crawford County Road Commission NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, April 3rd, 2008, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following:

BITUMINOUS BASE CRUSHING

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as Bituminous Base Crushing.

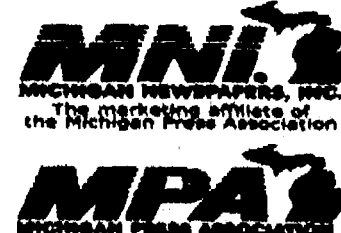
Crawford County Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications, to add or delete quantities or projects to or from the bid and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Ken Riehle, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Jim Burch, Commissioner

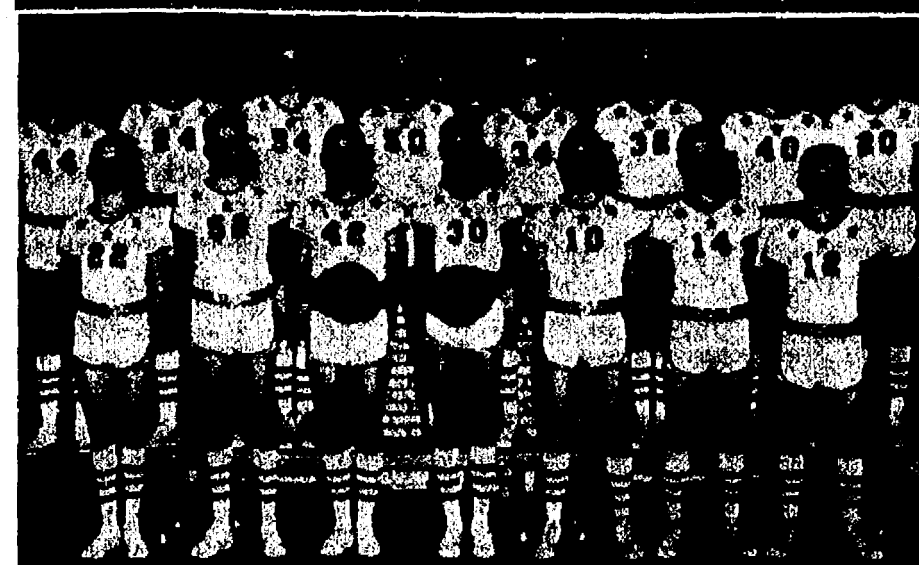
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notices in Newspapers.
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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



March 29, 1962 - The Grayling High School 1961-62 basketball squad that set a season and tournament record of 12 wins and 6 losses. From L to R: front row, Walt Fallon, Tom Wright, Sherm Neal, Tim Neal, Jim Johnson, Chris Kroll, Tom LaMotte; back row, Harvey Merithew, Jack Jones, Gary Russell, Bill File, Bill Joseph, Steve Dawson, Terry Smith and Jim Young.

**23 Years Ago
March 26, 1985**

The Grayling Middle School boys 8th grade basketball team won a tournament at Houghton Lake, by defeating Roscommon and Houghton Lake, and they finished their season with a 10-3 record. The team consisted of Matt Cory, Grant Armstrong, Rob Montgomery, Bud Ostrowski, Ted Baynham, Mike VanHill, Chris Skidmore, Kraig Hudson, Rusty Argue, Derrick Christman, Skeeter Apps, Chris Lehti (manager), Chris Erway, Marty Jung, Tim Pernie, Todd VanHill, Mark Hubbard and Tim Hickey (manager).

They were coached by Mike Shearer and Howard Lehti.

Grayling beat out five other schools to win a middle school wrestling tournament held at the GMS gym. Grayling scored 129 1/2 points to 113 for second place Houghton Lake. Grayling had seven first place winners; Andy Moore, Terry Sorenson, Terry Cannoy, Matt Branch, Jamie Montoya, Brian Kernstock and Skeeter Apps. Those taking second were Allen Johnson, Frank Wildfong, Carl Witfoth and Rusty Argue. Cory Wyskiel and Denny Springer took third and Andy Burkley took fourth.

Grayling High School sophomore Amy Smith took first place in a serious interpretation, over 38 other contestants from 24 schools, at an individual speech events (forensics) invitational tournament held at Standish-Sterling. A junior GHS duo of Kathy Allen and Jeff Martinez made it to the semi-finals in duo interpretation.

The GHS seniors versus the faculty basketball game will be played at the high school gym on April Fool's Day. The GHS faculty, better known as the "City Champs", features Butch Hayes, Fred Wolcott, Gerry St. Germain, Dan Ullery, Mike Smith, Tom Mills, Gayle Mills, Pam Alexander, Becky Brown, Nancy Lemmen, Bill Bonkowski and Mike Branch. The seniors are Rod "Super Duper Pooper Scooper" Patterson, Mick "Mickey Mouse" Lovely, Jon "Mama's Boy" Nicholas, Jeff "Bucky Beaver" Branch, Greg "Coon Dog" Burns, Kris Laudenslager, Heidi Derenzy, Barsie Cross, Brad "Skinny" Naghtin, Riley "Mad Jack" McNamara, Lisa Solomonson, Rochelle Campeau and Erin "Barnaby" Jones.

**46 Years Ago
March 29, 1962**

The senior class of GHS will serve a spaghetti dinner in the gym from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. The cost is \$1.25 for adults and 75¢ for students, all-you-can-eat. Mr. Fenton will take Karen Gothro, Nancy Hubbell and Gary Russell to Central Michigan University

for Student Honors Day.

The Sunshine Club met at the town hall with 26 present. The third grade girls offered special entertainment. They sang "I am a Little Tea Pot" and "I am a Fine Musician." Singing those songs were Vickie McDermott, Barbara Middleton, Nancy Canfield, Cindy Harwood, Marcie Kaiser, Audrey Keuom and Janet Newberry.

**69 Years Ago
March 30, 1939**

The house, owned by Oscar Hanson next door to the property he occupies, is being razed. This is one of the oldest landmarks in Grayling and at one time was the home of Mrs. Hanson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Some 40 years ago it was the home of Dr. Woodworth.

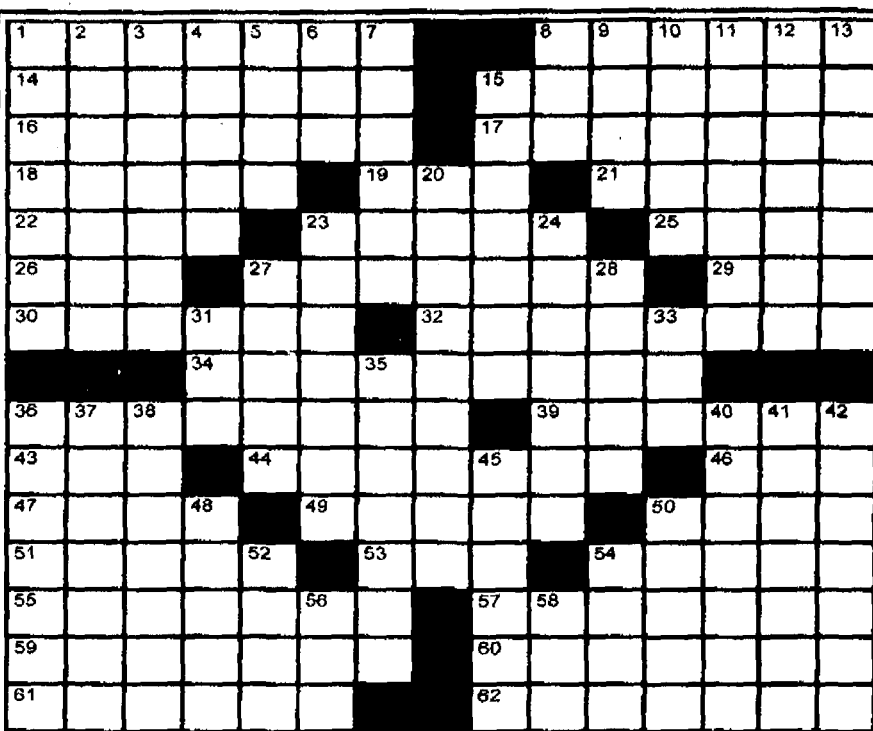
Dawson's Drug Store is being repainted on the inside and undergoing a general spring cleaning. Olson's Shoe Store has also received a coat of white paint on the inside, improving its appearance very much.

Miss Pauline Entsminger, who has been attending C.T.T.C. in Mt. Pleasant, arrived home and has accepted a position as bookkeeper at the Michigan Public Service Company office.

**92 Years Ago
March 30, 1916**

Little Louis Courney of Frederic was struck with an axe near the temple, by his oldest brother, while he was cutting a ditch near the pump. He is recovering nicely.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Small in scope
8. Sudden and violent collapse
14. Oily poisonous liquid amine obtained from nitrobenzene
15. Nascar sponsor
16. Without men
17. Breathe easily again
18. Someone who bites
19. Computer Generated Imagery
21. Workers hired on a temporary basis
22. Jewish month
23. Be bombastic
25. Charge
26. Follow
27. Blank leaf in the front or back of a book
29. "Seinfeld" uncle
30. Pronunciation of afraid
32. One who believes in vitalism
34. Gray manganese ore
36. Ancient, now extinct language of Egypt
39. Kind of network
43. "___ we having fun yet?"
44. Written version of a play
46. Anger
47. Waves breaking on the shore
49. Toy wind instrument
50. Advance, slargily
51. Arab leader
53. Come together
54. Talk in a declamatory manner
55. Render unnecessary
57. Stalemate
59. Marked the position of
60. One who taunts
61. Aromatic bulbous stem base
62. Ball pitching directly under the bat in cricket

Down

1. Fast Brazilian dance
2. Helping
3. Coins collectively
4. Sicker
5. Ticket info, maybe
6. "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.
7. Catch sight of
8. "A pox on you!"
9. Acad.
10. According to
11. Incentives
12. Dead bodies
13. Charge of ammunition for a single shot
15. Vote by inserting a name that does not appear on the ballot
20. Stimulate to action
23. Judeo-Christian and Islamic religions' chief spirit of evil and adversary of God
24. Corrode
27. Social clubs for male undergraduates
28. Events that will inevitably happen
31. Increase, with "up"
33. Basic unit of money in Moldova
35. Stored in a garage
36. Let up
37. Show one's critical attitude
38. Capital of Armenia
40. Comeback
41. Someone who rouses others from sleep
42. Scholarly attainment
45. Form of government of a social organization
48. Affect50. Slap with the flat of the hand
52. Anger
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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Pie:

2 cups graham cracker, chocolate wafer or shortbread cookie crumbs
2 tablespoons sugar
1/3 cup butter, melted
1 (12-ounce) bag individually quick frozen raspberries
3 (8-ounce) packages reduced-fat cream cheese, softened

Preheat oven to 375°F. Measure crumbs into 8- or 9-inch springform pan. Stir in sugar. Stir in butter until blended. Pat crumb mixture evenly over bottom and up sides of pan. Bake until just beginning to brown, 10 to 15 minutes. Remove from oven and set aside. Meanwhile, process berries in food processor until finely chopped. Add cream cheese, eggs, sugar, flour and salt and process until smooth. Turn into crumb crust and spread evenly. Bake until firm at edges, about 1 hour to 1 hour 10 minutes. Top may crack slightly. Let cool completely on wire rack, then refrigerate several hours or overnight. If desired, top with **Raspberry Sauce**: In medium saucepan, stir together sugar and cornstarch. Add berries. Over medium-high heat, cook, stirring occasionally, until berries thaw and mixture just comes to a boil and is slightly thickened. Let cool.

4 eggs

1/2 cup sugar

2 tablespoons flour

1/4 teaspoon salt

Raspberry Sauce:

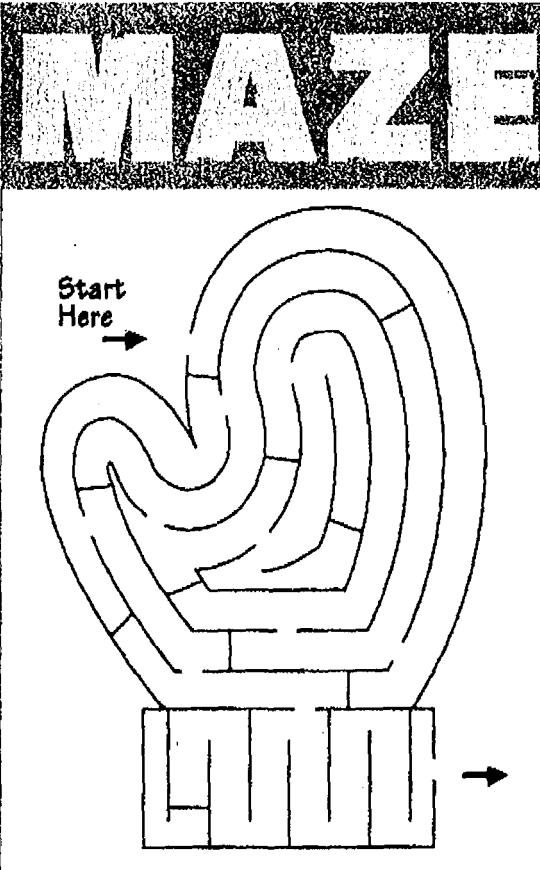
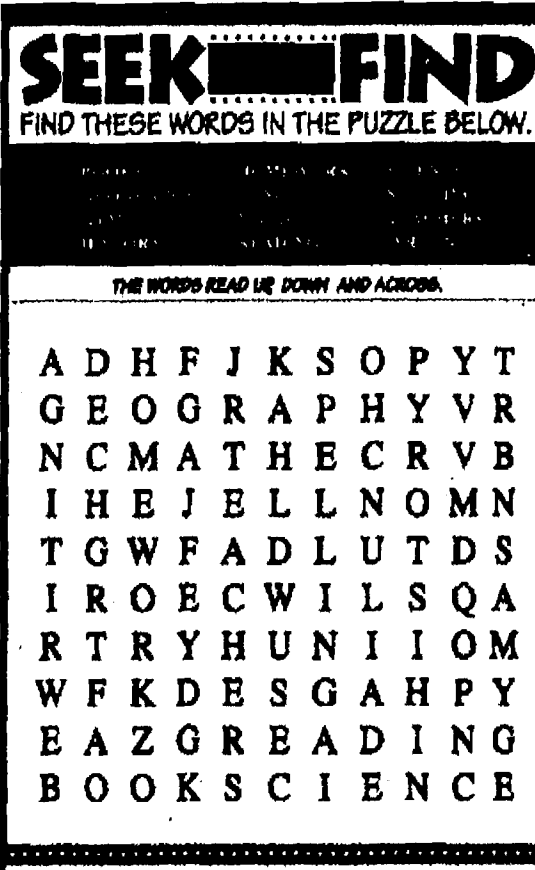
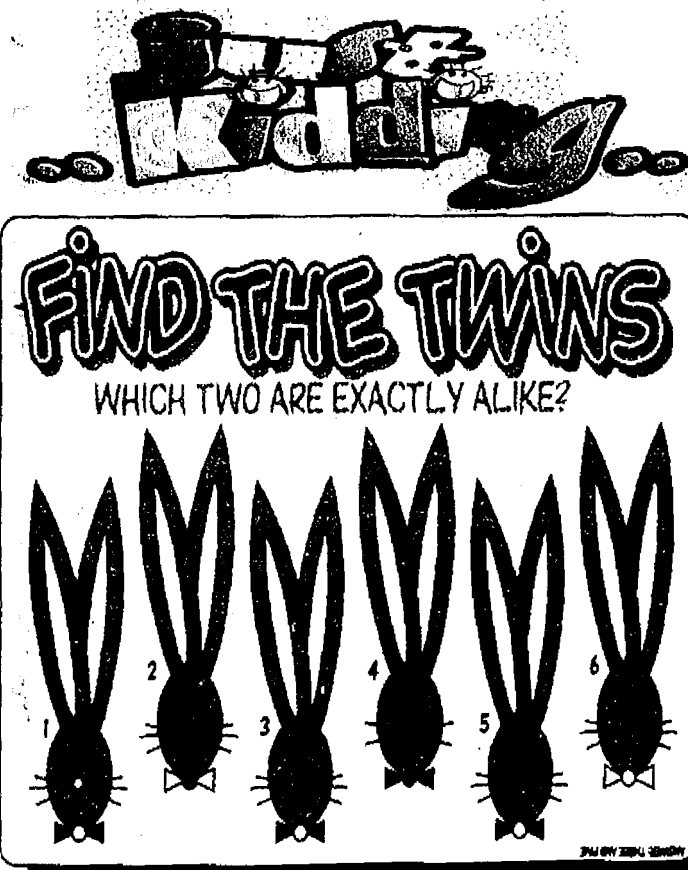
1 (12-ounce) bag individually quick frozen raspberries

1/3 cup sugar

2 teaspoons cornstarch

Makes 16 Servings

Raspberry Cheesecake Supreme



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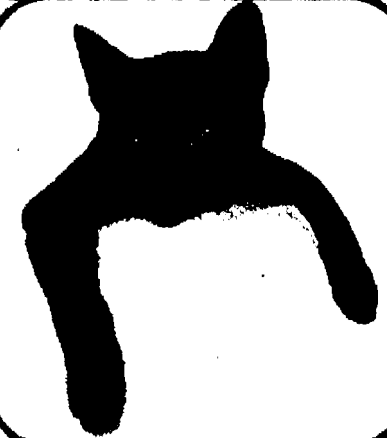


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For the week of March 27, 2008



A slip of the tongue gets a friend into hot water, and they turn to you for help. Be careful what you say, Capricorn. You don't want to steer them in the wrong direction.



A promise is kept, Aries, and you must make amends for casting doubt. A suspenseful weekend brings out your wild side and you take some risks.



Finally, Cancer. A change in weather calls for a change in mood. You've been indifferent long enough. Time to get the ball rolling on an important event.



Attention, Libra. Courage is required when a relative makes an announcement. Be strong and help them face what lies ahead. A cheeky retort at work breaks the tension.



Bad habits can be hard to break, but that is what a friend must do and you must help them. Don't worry, Aquarius. You will have enough willpower to go around.



Grace under pressure gets you through a mini-crisis, Taurus, and you will be amazed at the feats you accomplish. Small steps bring big rewards financially.



Memories come tumbling back, Leo, and provide impetus for you to finish those photo albums, videos and scrapbooks. A story plays out at home.



Family matters are on the agenda, and there is no better time for a little togetherness. A short trip is just what you need, Scorpio, to create unity and satisfy the thirst for adventure.



Oh no, Pisces. Drama ensues at home, and a little vacation may be in order. You will need a clear head to resolve the problems brewing. A letter deserves further investigation.



Ugh, Gemini. An auto problem rearfaces and you have no choice but to deal with it once and for all. A mad dash to finish a project at work ends well.



A budget issue is resolved, Virgo, and you have reason to celebrate. A weekend trip to a destination you have wanted to visit for a long time may be just the thing.



A catastrophe at home can be avoided, as long as you do what is right. Look within for the answers, Sagittarius. An encounter with a foe brings out the best in you.

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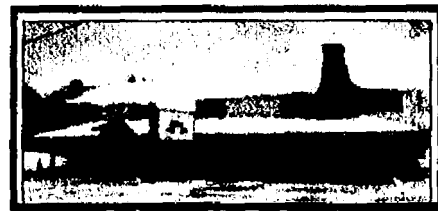
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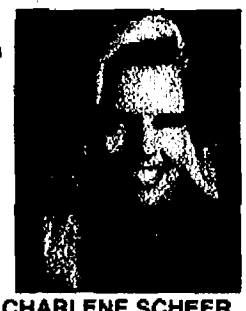
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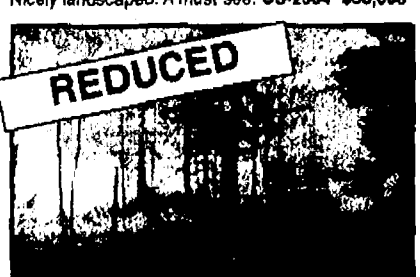
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Sparkling interior in this roomy 3 bedroom home. Family room addition, bright kitchen w/snack bar, extra insulation throughout, huge deck, carpet, 24x32 heated pole barn, just minutes to Higgins Lake, Lake Margrethe, Fox Run, & More! STATE LAND across street #5691 \$95,000.00

2 bedroom, 2 bath home, only lived in 3 months, 1188 square feet, vaulted ceilings, fireplace, 2 car attached garage in nice small subdivision, 2 miles from Higgins Lake. #5826 \$84,000

What a pretty setting! This CLEAN air conditioned, 2 bedroom mobile home is setting on a nicely wooded lot with an attached large front deck, a newer 18x22 drive through carport on the circle drive, 2 sheds and RV hook up. #5860 \$54,900

Three bedroom, two bath, 2.5 car garage. Manistee River Woods subdivision; backs up to open space & you share Manistee River frontage! Home shows brand new wood floors in kitchen, dining & front entrance. #5908 \$99,500

Near the Lake! This mobile is in new condition. Offering 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, new carpet, fresh paint, 2 car garage all on a beautiful lot. #5727 \$45,000

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Stunning 50 ACRE parcel, heavily wooded with some open areas & adjacent to state land; ideal hunting retreat! The property has a very nice cabin & new 36 x 42 pole barn; outdoor lover's dream. #5899 \$235,000

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8. Announcements

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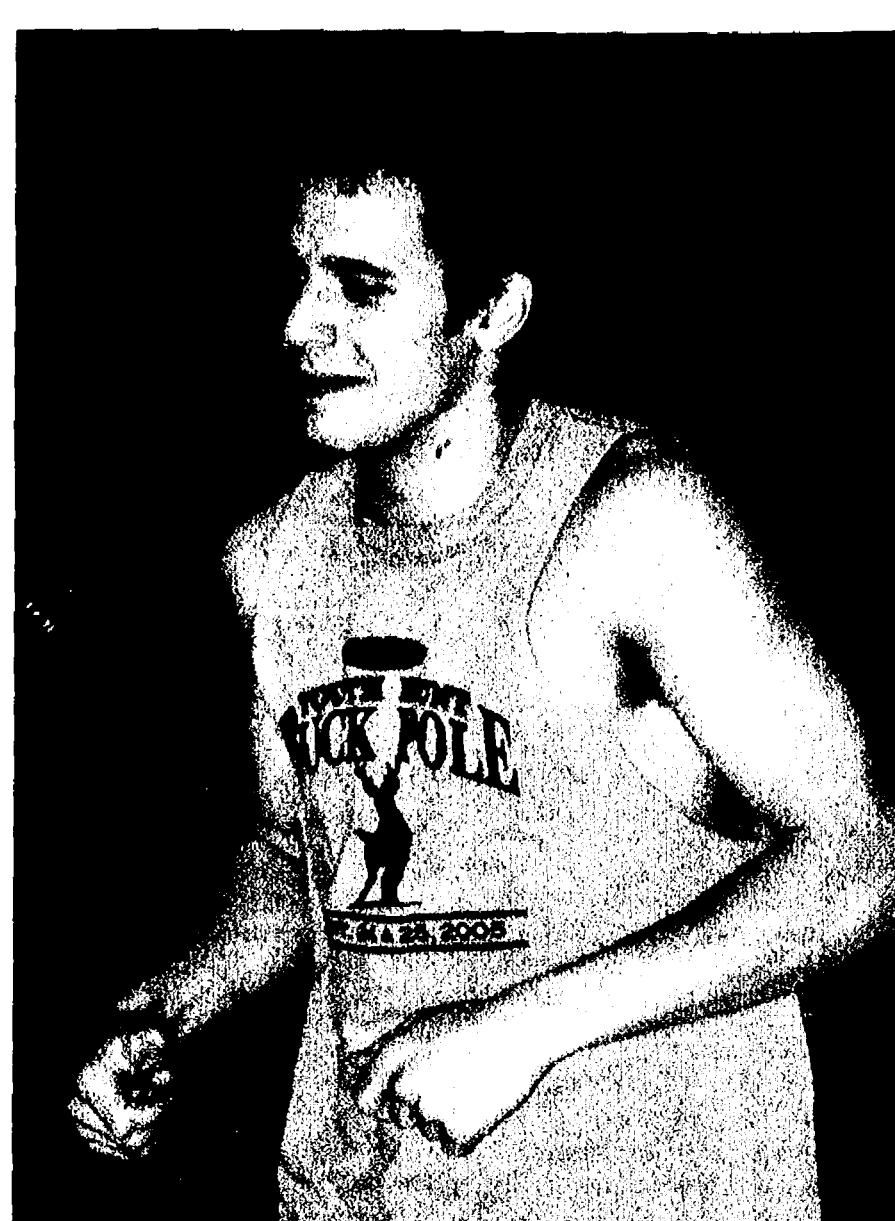
9. Personals

Happy 3rd Birthday
Makenzie
March 3rd
We Love You,
Granny & Papa Papendick,
Aunt Tara, Aunt Chelsea,
Great-Grandma & Grandpa
Frankowski, Great-Grandma
& Grandpa Papendick

11. Automotive

Crossword Answers

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| LIMITED | FIASCO |
| ANILINE | WINSTON |
| MANLESS | RESPIRE |
| BITER | CGI |
| ADAR | ORATE |
| DOG | FLY |
| AFEAR | VITALIST |
| MANGANITE | |
| EGYPTIAN | NEURAL |
| ARE | SCRIPTS |
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Tory Myers, left, and Isaac VanNuck, right, run at practice on Wednesday, March 19. VanNuck is expected to compete in sprint events and jump events this year, and Myers will run sprints and middle distance events.

Boys track team prepares for upcoming season

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Collins, who has assistant coaching experience for both track and football, is in his first season as a head coach. He played one season of football at Saginaw Valley State University, and he competed in track and field for three seasons. Collins competed in the high jump, triple jump, javelin, 400-meter dash, 800-meter dash, and mile relay, he said.

Collins said this year's GHS boys track squad is a "great group" and he expects the team to be competitive in all events.

"From what I've seen, we're going to be strong all the way around," Collins said. "We've got a group of kids that, they're dominant. They'll do what you want

them to do. Great group of kids. Hard workers, definitely hard workers."

"Just from the looks of it, it looks like we're going to have a pretty good year. The kids are working hard - harder than I expected. It's really exciting. The quality of kids, the leadership that's there. A lot of leadership from the seniors," Coach Collins said.

Collins said his team has strong athletes from all four classes - freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior - this season.

The 2008 GHS boys track squad includes (as of Monday, March 24): Ryan Cooper, sprints, middle distance; Jason Drudge, middle distance, long distance; Dustin Schutt, throws; Nick

McDonald, long distance; Matt McDonald, sprints, middle distance; Jan Fried, long distance; Isaac VanNuck, jumps, sprints; Tim VanNuck, throws; Tory Myers, sprints, middle distance, pole vault; Justin Farnsworth, sprints; Matt Letts, throws; David Lawe, middle distance, long distance; Dustin Russo, sprints; Joe White, sprints; Will Fowler, long distance; Colin Hamlin, long distance; Brady Coe, jumps, sprints; Ashten Linkhart, long distance; Johnny Cochrane, long distance; Cody Myers, sprints, middle distance; Eric Rutter, sprints; Max Kluge, long distance; Drake Kawl, long distance; Adam Kuszak, long distance; and Travis Westover, long distance.

Coach Collins said the team's

main goal is "for everyone to improve from last year, just to improve. Being a first year coach, I don't know where we are in the conference. We just want to improve and be successful and healthy."

Due to deterioration of the track at Grayling High School, the Vikings will not be hosting any meets during the 2008 season. The school plans to resurface the track in June and host an invitational meet next year, Athletic Director Tim Sanchez said.

The track team's first scheduled meet of the 2008 season is the Ogemaw Invitational on Friday, April 11. The squad will compete in a Lake Michigan Conference meet at East Jordan on Monday, April 14.

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Ryan Cooper, left, a sprinter and middle distance runner for the Vikings, and Nick McDonald, right, a long distance runner, jog at varsity track practice last week in the GHS gym.



Johnny Cochrane, left, and Ashten Linkhart, right, run at Grayling High School during track practice on Wednesday. Cochrane and Linkhart will run long distance events for GHS this year.